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**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**CHRISTOPHER STEVEN OCHOA DBA
OCHOA'S SMOG CHECK**
6177 Santa Monica Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90038

Mailing Address:
13651 Garfield Ave
South Gate, CA 90280

**Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
ARD 301097**
**Smog Check Test Only Station License No.
TC 301097**

and

RICARDO DIAZ-ROSAS
640 W 16th St
San Bernardino, CA 92405

**Smog Check Inspector License No.
EO 643923**

Respondents.

Case No. 79/25-8529

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER
ONLY AS TO CHRISTOPHER STEVEN
OCHOA, DBA OCHOA'S SMOG CHECK**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

FINDINGS OF FACT

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2 1. On or about September 8, 2025, Complainant Patrick Dorais, in his official capacity
3 as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed
4 Accusation No. 79/25-8529 against Christopher Steven Ochoa, dba Ochoa's Smog Check
5 (Respondent) before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. (Accusation attached
6 as Exhibit A.)

7 2. On or about November 16, 2021, the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau) issued
8 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 301097 to Respondent. The Automotive Repair
9 Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in
10 Accusation No. 79/25-8529 was due to expire on November 30, 2025, however, was cancelled on
11 May 29, 2025.

12 3. On or about February 22, 2022, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station
13 License No. TC 301097 to Respondent. The Smog Check, Test Only, Station License was in full
14 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 79/25-8529 was
15 due to expire on November 30, 2025, however, was canceled on May 29, 2025.

16 4. On or about May 5, 2022, the Bureau issued STAR Station Certification to
17 Respondent. The STAR Station Certification was in full force and effect at all times relevant to
18 the charges brought in Accusation No. 79/25-8529 and was terminated as of June 4, 2025, due to
19 Respondent Ochoa's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration and Smog Check Test Only Station
20 License being canceled on May 29, 2025.

21 5. On or about September 11, 2025, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class
22 Mail copies of the Accusation No. 79/25-8529, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense,
23 Request for Discovery and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and
24 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code
25 section 136, is required to be reported and maintained with the Bureau. Respondent's address of
26 record was and is:

27 6177 Santa Monica Blvd
28 Los Angeles, CA 90038; and

1 13651 Garfield Ave
2 South Gate, CA 90280

3 6. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of
4 Government Code section 11505(c) and/or Business and Professions Code section 124.

5 7. Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:

6 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent
7 files a notice of defense . . . and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all
8 parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense
9 . . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its
10 discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

11 8. The Director takes official notice of its records and the fact that Respondent failed to
12 file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him of the Accusation, and therefore
13 waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 79/25-8529.

14 9. California Government Code section 11520(a) states, in pertinent part:

15 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense . . . or to appear at
16 the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express
17 admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without
18 any notice to respondent

19 10. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Director after
20 having reviewed the proof of service dated September 11, 2025, signed by Janice Park, finds
21 Respondent is in default. The Director will take action without further hearing and, based on the
22 relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter,
23 finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 79/25-8529, are separately and severally,
24 found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

25 **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

26 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Christopher Steven Ochoa, dba
27 Ochoa's Smog Check has subjected his Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 301097
28 and Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No. TC 301097 to discipline.

29 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

30 3. The Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs is authorized to revoke
31 Respondent's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration and Smog Check, Test Only, Station

1 License No. TC 301097 based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are
2 supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this
3 case:

- 4 a. Business and Professions Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1) [untrue or
5 misleading statements];
- 6 b. Business and Professions Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4) [fraud];
- 7 c. Business and Professions Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6) [Material Violation
8 of Automotive Repair Act];
- 9 d. Health & Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a) [Violations of the Motor
10 Vehicle Inspection Program];
- 11 e. Health & Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c) [Failure to Comply with
12 Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program]; and
- 13 f. Health & Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d) [Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit].

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 301097 and Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No. TC 301097 issued to Respondent Christopher Steven Ochoa, dba Ochoa's Smog Check, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The motion should be sent to the Bureau of Automotive Repair, ATTN: Patrick Lutfi, 10949 North Mather Boulevard Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on February 24, 2026

It is so ORDERED Feb. 10, 2026



GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Deputy Director
Division of Legal Affairs
Department of Consumer Affairs

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Attachment:
Exhibit A: Accusation