

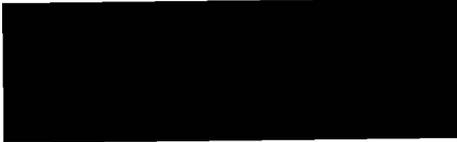
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FILE:



Office: NEW YORK

Date: APR 21 2006

IN RE:

Obligor:
Bonded Alien



IMMIGRATION BOND:

Bond Conditioned for the Delivery of an Alien under Section 103 of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1103

ON BEHALF OF OBLIGOR: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to
the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The delivery bond in this matter was declared breached by the District Director, New York, New York, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected..

The record indicates that on June 30, 1999, the obligor posted a \$3,000 bond conditioned for the delivery of the above referenced alien. A Notice to Deliver Alien (Form I-340) dated December 11, 2002, was addressed to the obligor via certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice demanded the bonded alien's surrender into the custody of an officer of the legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service, now Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), at 10:00 a.m. on January 14, 2003, at [REDACTED] New York, NY 10278. The obligor failed to present the alien, and the alien failed to appear as required. On February 14, 2003, the district director informed the obligor that the delivery bond had been breached.

In order to properly file an appeal, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i) provides that the affected party must file the complete appeal within 30 days after service of the unfavorable decision. If the decision was mailed, the appeal must be filed within 33 days. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b).

The record indicates that the district director issued the Notice-Immigration Bond Breached on February 14, 2003. It is noted that the district director properly gave notice to the obligor that it had 33 days to file the appeal. The Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal is very clear in indicating that the appeal is not to be sent directly to the AAO. The obligor, nevertheless, sent its appeal to the AAO. The appeal is not considered properly received until it is received by the district office, which rendered the unfavorable decision. The appeal was properly received at the respective district office on May 1, 2003, 48 days after the adverse decision was issued. Accordingly, the appeal was untimely filed.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) states that, if an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen or a motion to reconsider, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case. The official having jurisdiction over a motion is the official who made the last decision in the proceeding, in this case the district director. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(ii). The district director declined to treat the late appeal as a motion and forwarded the matter to the AAO.

As the appeal was untimely filed, the appeal must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.