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FILE: [Redacted] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

Date: DEC 13 2005

IN RE: Applicant: [Redacted]

APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Temporary Resident pursuant to Section 210 of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1160

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for temporary resident status as a special agricultural worker was denied by the Director, Western Service Center, remanded by the Legalization Appeals Unit (LAU), now the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO), and denied again by the Director, California Service Center. The matter is now before the AAO on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

In the initial decision, the director denied the application because of adverse evidence acquired by the Service concerning the applicant's claimed employment for Nicolas Sandoval. In the final decision, the director denied the application because the applicant had been convicted of two (2) felonies.

On appeal from the initial decision, the applicant reaffirmed his claimed employment.

An alien who has been convicted of a felony or three or more misdemeanors in the United States is ineligible for temporary resident status. 8 C.F.R. § 210.3(d)(3).

"Felony" means a crime committed in the United States punishable by imprisonment for a term of more than one year, regardless of the term such alien actually served, if any, except when the offense is defined by the state as a misdemeanor, and the sentence actually imposed is one year or less, regardless of the term such alien actually served. Under this exception, for purposes of 8 C.F.R. Part 245a, the crime shall be treated as a misdemeanor. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.1(p).

An alien is inadmissible if he has been convicted of, or admits having committed, or admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of a violation of (or a conspiracy to violate) any law or regulation of a State, the United States, or a foreign country relating to a controlled substance (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC 802). Section 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the Act, formerly section 212(a)(23) of the Act. An alien is also inadmissible if a consular officer or immigration officer knows or has reason to believe he is or has been an illicit trafficker in any such controlled substance. Section 212(a)(2)(C) of the Act, formerly section 212(a)(23) of the Act.

The record reveals the applicant was convicted of the following felonies: March 5, 1984, in United States District Court, Southern District of California, offense of Sale/Distribution of Heroin, disposition 60 months confinement, 60 months probation; March 9, 1984, in United States District Court, Southern District of California, offense of Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility in violation of 21 USC 843(b), Importing Merchandise in Violation of 18 USC 545, disposition 5 years confinement, suspended.

The applicant is ineligible for temporary resident status because of his two felony convictions. 8 C.F.R. § 210.3(d)(3). Within the legalization program, there is no waiver available to an alien convicted of a felony or three misdemeanors committed in the United States. Furthermore, there is no waiver available to an alien inadmissible under section 212(a)(2)(C) of the Act except for a single offense of simple possession of thirty grams or less of marijuana. See section 210(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the Act.

An alien applying for adjustment of status has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she is admissible to the United States under the provisions of section 210(c) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1160, and is otherwise eligible for adjustment of status under this section. 8 C.F.R. § 210.3(b)(1). The applicant has failed to meet this burden.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed. This decision constitutes a final notice of ineligibility.

