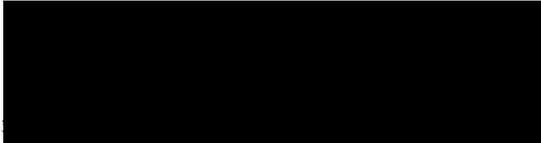




U.S. Citizenship
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FILE:



Office: NATIONAL BENEFITS CENTER

Date:

MAY 19 2004

IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), amended by Life Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

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, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

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DISCUSSION: The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the Director, Missouri Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director concluded the applicant had not established that he had applied for class membership in any of the requisite legalization class-action lawsuits prior to October 1, 2000. The director also found the applicant inadmissible under section 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act) due to his drug conviction. Accordingly, the director denied the application.

On appeal, the applicant requests that his application be reconsidered as he has been residing in the United States for over 10 years.

An affected party filing from within the United States has 30 days from the date of an adverse decision to file an appeal. An appeal received after the 30 day period has tolled will not be accepted. The 30 day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after the Notice of Decision is mailed. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(b) (1)

If an applicant's last known address of record was outside the United States, and the Notice of Decision was mailed to that foreign address, the appeal must be received by the Service within 60 calendar days after service of the Notice of Decision. An appeal received after the 60 day period has tolled will not be accepted. The 60-day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after the Notice of Decision is mailed. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(b) (2).

The record reflects that the director sent his decision of March 5, 2003 to the applicant at his addresses of record. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) received the appeal 72 days later on June 18, 2003. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed.

The burden of proving eligibility for the benefit sought remains entirely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The applicant has not sustained that burden.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected as untimely filed.