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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:

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

The district director denied the application because the applicant had not demonstrated that he had continuously resided in the United States in an unlawful status since before January 1, 1982 through May 4, 1988.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1) provides, in part, that “[e]very application, petition, appeal, motion, request ... shall be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions on the form, such instructions ... being hereby incorporated into the particular section of the regulations in this chapter requiring its submission.” The instructions at item six on the appeal Form I-290B specifically require a signature of this form when the decision is appealed.

The Form I-290B was not signed by either the applicant or counsel. Therefore, the appeal has not been properly filed, and must be rejected.

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).

Assuming, arguendo, the Form I-290B was signed by either the applicant or counsel, the appeal would still be rejected as it was untimely filed. The record reflects that the director sent his decision of May 22, 2003 to the applicant at his address of record. The appeal was received by Citizenship and Immigration Services on July 2, 2003, 41 days after the decision was issued.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected as untimely filed.