

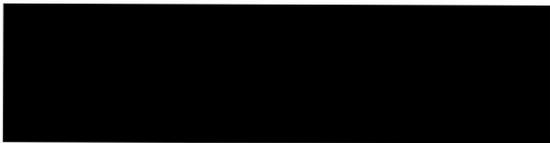
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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER Date: JUN 29 2006
XTA-89-050-2031

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:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the service center that processed your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for temporary resident status as a special agricultural worker was denied by the Director, Southern Service Center, then reopened and denied again by the Director, Texas Service Center. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected. The AAO will return the matter for further action by the director.

The director denied the application for lack of prosecution because the applicant failed to appear for the required interview regarding his Application for Temporary Residence as a Special Agricultural Worker.

Whenever an application for special agricultural worker status is denied or the status of a lawful temporary resident is terminated, the alien shall be given written notice setting forth the specific reasons for the denial on Form I-692, Notice of Denial. Form I-692 shall also contain advice to the applicant that he or she may appeal the decision and that such appeal must be taken within 30 days following service of the notification of decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(3)(i). An appeal received after the thirty (30) day period has tolled will not be accepted for processing. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(3)(iv). Form I-694, Notice of Appeal, shall be used to file the appeal and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(3)(ii). Whenever a person has the right or is required to do some act within a prescribed period after the service of a notice upon him and the notice is served by mail, three days shall be added to the prescribed period. Service by mail is complete upon mailing. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b).

The director issued the Notice of Denial on January 17, 1991. The appeal was not received until October 3, 1994. The appeal was untimely filed and, therefore, must be rejected.

It is noted that the director did not mail the Notice of Denial to the applicant's address of record. The untimely filing of the appeal appears to be due to the director's error. Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 210.2(g), the director may *sua sponte* reopen any adverse decision. Additionally, the director may certify any such decision to the AAO. See 8 C.F.R. § 210.2(h).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected as untimely filed.