

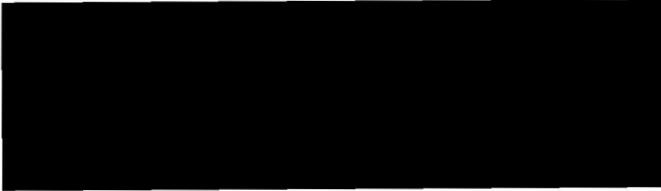
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Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

Date: MAR 30 2006

IN RE:

Applicant:



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:



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, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application for temporary resident status as a special agricultural worker was denied by the Director, Southern Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

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 the 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 to or is required to do some act within the 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 Decision on July 23, 1993, and sent it to the applicant's address of record via certified mail. The notice was returned to the Service unclaimed. Thus, the applicant's failure to receive the notice is due to his own making. The appeal was not received until February 22, 2005. The appeal was untimely filed and, therefore, must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.