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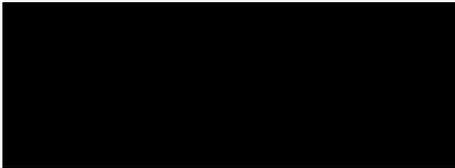
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**U.S. Citizenship  
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Services**



FILE:



Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

Date:

**FEB 04 2004**

IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

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.

*Cindy N. Gomez for*

Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Honduras who indicated on his application that he entered the United States on November 30, 1998, without a lawful admission or parole. The director denied the application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254, because the applicant failed to establish he was eligible for late registration.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B) states:

*Untimely appeal--(1) Rejection without refund of filing fee.* An appeal which is not filed within the time allowed must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee the Service has accepted will not be refunded.

*Untimely appeal--(2) Untimely appeal treated as motion.* If an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen as described in section 103.5(a)(2) of this part or a motion to reconsider as described in section 103.5(a)(3) of this part, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case.

The applicant, on appeal, stated that he had tried to apply earlier, but that his application was rejected. The applicant does not specify any "new facts to be provided", nor is the appeal "supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence" as is required of motions to reopen in 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(2). Thus, the applicant has not met the requirements of a motion to reopen.

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 decision, dated October 26, 2002, clearly advised the applicant that any appeal must be filed within 30 days. Coupled with three days for mailing, the appeal, in this case, should have been filed on or before November 28, 2002. The Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal, is very clear in indicating that the appeal is not to be sent directly to the Administrative Appeals Office; but, rather, to the "office which made the unfavorable decision." The applicant, nevertheless, sent his appeal to the Administrative Appeals Office. The appeal is not considered properly received until it is received by the Service Center that rendered the unfavorable decision. The appeal was properly received at the respective Service Center on January 15, 2003. Based upon the applicant's failure to file a timely appeal, the appeal will be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.