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IN RE: Applicant:

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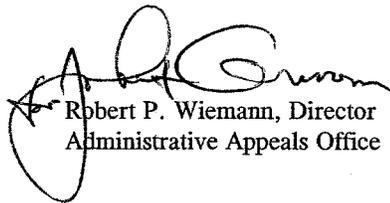
Application: Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

IN BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

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INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision 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

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

The applicant is a native and citizen of Honduras who indicated on her application that she entered the United States in July 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 she 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 Bureau 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's statement, on appeal, does not meet the requirements of a motion.

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 28, 2002, clearly advised the applicant that any appeal must be filed within thirty days. Coupled with three days for mailing, the appeal, in this case, should have been filed on or before December 2, 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. The applicant, nevertheless, sent her appeal to the Administrative Appeals Office. The appeal is not considered properly received until it is received by the Service Center which rendered the unfavorable decision. The appeal was properly received at the respective Service Center on January 28, 2003. Based upon the applicant's failure to file a timely appeal, the appeal will be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.