



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

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FILE: [REDACTED]

Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

Date: **OCT 22 2004**

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

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

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**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 is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The director denied the application because the applicant failed to establish that she is eligible for late registration.

An appeal that is not filed within the time allowed must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee accepted will not be refunded. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(1).

Whenever a person has the right or is required to do some act within a prescribed period after the service of a notice, 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's decision of denial, dated October 15, 2003, clearly advised the applicant that any appeal must be properly filed within thirty days after service of the decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i). Coupled with three days for mailing, the appeal, in this case, should have been filed on or before November 17, 2003. The appeal was received at the Texas Service Center on December 1, 2003.

It is noted that, on appeal, the applicant states she did not apply during the initial registration period because she was afraid of being deported. This reason, however, does not comport with regulatory requirements for late registration, and therefore, does not overcome the finding of the director.

Beyond the decision of the director, it is further noted that the applicant failed to submit sufficient credible evidence to establish her continuous residence and continuous physical presence in the United States during the requisite periods. The applicant did not demonstrate that the evidence in the name of "Ivette Schoenlank" pertains to her or that the hospital statements bearing no names are directly linked to her. In addition, the Tele-Giros, America, Inc., receipts submitted on appeal appear to have been altered.

Based upon the applicant's failure to file a timely appeal, the appeal will be rejected.

As always in these proceedings, the burden of proof rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.