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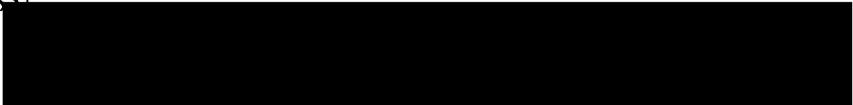
Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

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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.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

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

The applicant is stated to be 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 record reveals that the applicant filed a TPS application after the initial registration period under Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) [receipt number SRC 03 106 54812.] The director denied that application on April 29, 2003, because the applicant failed to establish he had entered the United States prior to December 30, 1998, had continuously resided in the United States since December 30, 1998, and had been continuously physically present in the United States since January 5, 1999. The director also determined the applicant had failed to establish he was eligible for late initial registration. The Director, AAO, rejected the applicant's untimely appeal on August 20, 2004.

It is noted that even were the applicant to prove that he was eligible for late initial registration his case could not be approved because he did not arrive in the United States until March 5, 1999. While regulations allow the spouse or child of a TPS beneficiary to file an application after the initial registration period, these regulations do not relax the requirements for eligibility for TPS. In this case, the applicant is still required to meet the continuous residence and continuous physical presence requirements as provided in 8 C.F.R. §§ 244.2(b) and (c).

The applicant filed the current Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on December 9, 2004, and indicated that he was re-registering for TPS.

The director denied the re-registration application because the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied and the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration for TPS.

If an alien is filing a re-registration application, a previous grant of TPS must have been afforded the applicant, as only those individuals who are granted TPS must register annually. In addition, the applicant must continue to maintain the conditions of eligibility. 8 C.F.R. § 244.17.

In this case, the applicant has not previously been granted TPS. Therefore, he is not eligible to re-register for TPS. Consequently, the director's decision to deny the application will be affirmed.

Beyond the decision of the director, the applicant has provided insufficient evidence to establish that he is a national or citizen of Honduras. He has provided a copy of his birth certificate along with an English translation. However, a birth certificate alone does not establish nationality. The record does not contain any photo identification such as a passport or national identity document. 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(a)(1). Therefore the application shall be denied for this additional reason.

The application will be denied for the above stated reasons, with each considered as an independent and alternative basis for denial. An alien applying for temporary protected status has the burden of proving that he or

she meets the requirements enumerated above and is otherwise eligible under the provisions of section 244 of the Act. The applicant has failed to meet this burden.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.