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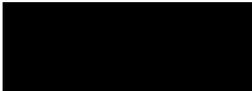
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OFFICE: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

DATE: JUL 30 2007

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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.


for Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
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 rejected.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador 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 determined that the applicant had failed to submit evidence to establish that he was eligible for late registration, and that he also had failed to submit sufficient evidence to establish that he had continuously resided in the United States since February 13, 2001, and had been continuously physically present from March 9, 2001, to the date of filing the application. The director, therefore, denied the application on August 22, 2006.

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 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's denial decision dated August 22, 2006, 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 September 25, 2006. The director's decision and the Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal, are very clear in indicating that the appeal is not to be sent directly to the AAO, but, rather, to the office that made the unfavorable decision. The applicant, nevertheless, sent his appeal to the AAO. 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 California Service Center on November 1, 2006.

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

It is noted that the applicant, on appeal, has not overcome the director's findings. While the applicant furnished additional evidence in an attempt to establish his continuous residence and continuous physical presence during the requisite period, this evidence does not mitigate the applicant's failure to file his TPS application within the initial registration period, and to establish that he was eligible for late registration described in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2).

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.