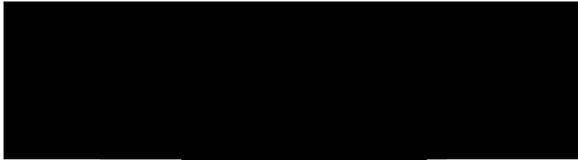




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INRE:

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 Vermont Service Center. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center. A subsequent appeal was dismissed by the Chief, Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The matter is now before the AAO on a motion to reopen. The motion will be dismissed.

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 denied the application for TPS because the applicant had not met the continuous residence and continuous physical presence requirements for TPS.

The appeal from the director's decision was dismissed on May 15, 2006, after the Chief of the AAO also concluded that the applicant had failed to establish his eligibility for TPS. On motion to reopen, the applicant reasserts his claim of eligibility for TPS.

Although a Porm G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, has been submitted, the representative and organization listed are not authorized under the regulations at 8 c.P.R. § 292.1 or 292.2 to represent the applicant. Therefore, he shall be considered as self-represented and the decision shall only be furnished to him.

A motion to reopen or reconsider must be filed within thirty days of the underlying decision, except that failure to file during this period may be excused at the Service's discretion when the applicant has demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant. 8 C.P.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i).

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.P.R. § 103.5a(b).

The previous AAO decision was dated May 15, 2006. Any motion to reopen must be filed within thirty days after service of the decision. 8 C.P.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i). Coupled with three days for mailing, the motion, in this case, should have been filed on or before June 19, 2006. The motion to reopen was received on November 13, 2007.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. That burden has not been met because the motion to reopen was not filed within the required time period. Accordingly, the motion to reopen is dismissed and the previous decision of the AAO will not be disturbed.

ORDER: The motion to reopen is dismissed.