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FILE: [REDACTED]  
[SRC 03 178 55168]

Office: Texas Service Center

Date: JUN 27 2007

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 California Service Center. 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 dismissed.

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 record reveals that the applicant filed a late initial TPS application on June 11, 2003, under CIS receipt number SRC 03 178 55168. The director, Texas Service Center, denied the application on September 5, 2003, because the applicant failed to establish that he was eligible for late initial registration for TPS.

Section 244(c) of the Act, and the related regulations in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2, provide that an applicant who is a national of a foreign state designated by the Attorney General is eligible for TPS only if such alien establishes that he or she:

- (a) Is a national of a state designated under section 244(b) of the Act;
- (b) Has been continuously physically present in the United States since the effective date of the most recent designation of that foreign state;
- (c) Has continuously resided in the United States since such date as the Attorney General may designate;
- (d) Is admissible as an immigrant except as provided under section 244.3;
- (e) Is not ineligible under 8 C.F.R. § 244.4; and
- (f)
  - (1) Registers for Temporary Protected Status during the initial registration period announced by public notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER, or
  - (2) During any subsequent extension of such designation if at the time of the initial registration period:
    - (i) The applicant is a nonimmigrant or has been granted voluntary departure status or any relief from removal;
    - (ii) The applicant has an application for change of status, adjustment of status, asylum, voluntary departure, or any relief from removal which is pending or subject to further review or appeal;
    - (iii) The applicant is a parolee or has a pending request for reparole; or

(iv) The applicant is a spouse or child of an alien currently eligible to be a TPS registrant.

- (g) Has filed an application for late registration with the appropriate Service director within a 60-day period immediately following the expiration or termination of conditions described in paragraph (f)(2) of this section.

Persons applying for TPS offered to Hondurans must demonstrate that they have continuously resided in the United States since December 30, 1998, and that they have been continuously physically present since January 5, 1999. On May 11, 2000, the Attorney General announced an extension of the TPS designation until July 5, 2001. Subsequent extensions of the TPS designation have been granted, with the latest extension valid until July 5, 2007, upon the applicant's re-registration during the requisite period.

To qualify for late registration, the applicant must provide evidence that during the initial registration period he fell within at least one of the provisions described in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2) above.

The burden of proof is upon the applicant to establish that he or she meets the above requirements. Applicants shall submit all documentation as required in the instructions or requested by CIS. 8 C.F.R. § 244.9(a). The sufficiency of all evidence will be judged according to its relevancy, consistency, credibility, and probative value. To meet his or her burden of proof, the applicant must provide supporting documentary evidence of eligibility apart from his or her own statements. 8 C.F.R. § 244.9(b).

The record reflects that the following evidence was submitted:

1. An asylum referral letter, dated March 18, 1998;
2. A Notice to Appear, Form I-862, dated March 19, 1998;
3. An INS receipt notice, dated February 20, 1996, pertaining to the applicant's employment authorization application;
4. An INS Employment Authorization approval notice, dated April 10, 1995;
5. An INS Status Request Form, dated January 21, 1998, pertaining to the applicant's asylum application;
6. An INS Notice in Removal Proceedings, dated September 29, 1998; and,
7. Various Federal income tax returns, with supporting W-2, for the period from 1994 through 2002.

On appeal, the applicant asserts eligibility for late initial TPS registration as a former asylum applicant. In order for the applicant to be eligible for late TPS registration, as a former asylum applicant, he should have submitted his TPS application, no later than 60 days immediately following termination of his asylum application pursuant to the regulations 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2) and 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(g). The record reflects that on March 18, 1998, the applicant was deemed ineligible for asylum and his asylum application was referred, and he was placed in removal proceedings. The applicant was ordered removed, *in absentia*, to Honduras, on June 22, 1999, by the Immigration Judge. The applicant filed his initial TPS application on June 11, 2003, almost four years after the removal order was issued.

The applicant has not submitted any evidence to establish that he has met any of the criteria for late registration described in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2). Consequently, the director's decision to deny the application for temporary protected status will be affirmed.

As noted above, the record reveals that the applicant was placed in Removal Proceedings, and ordered removed to Honduras, on June 22, 1999, by the Immigration Judge.

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.