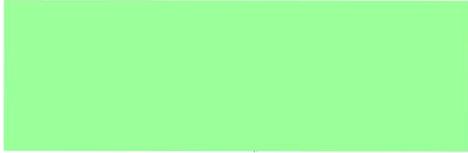


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DATE: **APR 09 2013** OFFICE: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

FILE:

IN RE: Petitioner:   
Beneficiary:

PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as a Skilled Worker or Professional Pursuant to Section 203(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(3)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

Thank you,

Ron Rosenberg  
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The Director, Texas Service Center, revoked the approval of the employment-based immigrant visa petition. The petitioner appealed the decision to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The appeal will be rejected as untimely filed.

The petitioner must appeal a decision to revoke the approval of a petition within 15 days of service. 8 C.F.R. § 205.2(d). If the unfavorable decision was mailed, the appeal must be filed within 18 days. 8 C.F.R. § 103.8(b). An untimely appeal must be rejected as improperly filed. Neither the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act) nor the regulations grant the AAO authority to extend this time limit.

The filing date is the actual date of receipt at the location designated for filing. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i). The appeal must be signed and submitted with the correct fee. *Id.*

The director issued the decision revoking the approval of the petition on March 14, 2012. The director properly gave notice to the petitioner that it had 18 days to file the appeal. The petitioner filed the Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, on April 9, 2012, or 26 days after the decision was issued. Accordingly, the appeal is untimely.

Moreover, the petitioner indicated on the Form I-290B that it would submit a brief and/or additional evidence within 30 days of filing the appeal. As of this date, nothing further has been submitted into the record. The record is complete.

If an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen or reconsider, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2). The official having jurisdiction over a motion is the official who made the last decision in the proceeding, in this case the Director, Texas Service Center. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(ii). As required by 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(ii)-(iv), the director reviewed the appeal prior to forwarding it to the AAO, and did not conclude that it met the requirements of a motion or otherwise warrant favorable action.

The untimely appeal must be rejected pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(1).

Additionally, the appeal in this case was filed by the beneficiary's attorney. The record of proceeding contains a properly executed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, signed by the beneficiary authorizing the appeal. The Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, was signed by the beneficiary's representative. The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B) specifically prohibits a beneficiary of a visa petition, or a representative acting on a beneficiary's behalf, from filing an appeal. There is no evidence in the record that the petitioner consented to the filing of the appeal. For this additional reason, the appeal must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.