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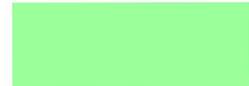


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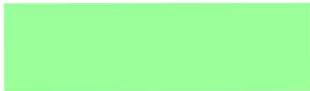


DATE: MAR 01 2013 OFFICE: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth McCormack".

Ron Rosenberg
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Texas Service Center (the director), revoked the approval of the employment-based immigrant visa petition. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(I).

The petitioner describes itself as a restaurant. It seeks to permanently employ the beneficiary in the United States as a cook. The petitioner requests classification of the beneficiary as a professional or skilled worker pursuant to section 203(b)(3)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(3)(A).

The director's July 22, 2010 decision revoking the approval of the petition concludes that the beneficiary was ineligible for approval of any other visa petition due to his participation in marriage fraud.

On August 10, 2010, an attorney filed a Form I-290B to appeal the director's adverse decision. For appeals and motions filed on or after March 4, 2010, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 292.4(a) requires that a new Form G-28 "must be filed with an appeal filed with the [AAO]." The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 292.4(a) further requires that the Form G-28 "must be properly completed and signed by the petitioner, applicant or respondent to authorize representation in order for the appearance to be recognized by DHS." Counsel with the appeal filed a copy of a previously executed Form G-28 completed for the purposes of filing the original petition. On January 31, 2013, the AAO sent a facsimile to the attorney requesting that he submit a properly executed Form G-28 within seven days. To this date, the attorney has failed to respond.

The record does not contain a properly executed new Form G-28, with a revision date on or after April 22, 2009, signed by both counsel and the petitioner for the appeal. Therefore, we cannot consider counsel to be the petitioner's attorney of record. An appeal that is filed without a properly executed Form G-28 is considered an improperly filed appeal and it must be rejected. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(2)(i).¹

Furthermore, since the appeal was filed 19 days after the director's decision it is untimely filed. A 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).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.

¹ The AAO also notes the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(2)(iii), which provides that an appeal may be considered properly filed as of its original filing date only if the attorney or representative submits a properly executed Form G-28 entitling that person to file the appeal.