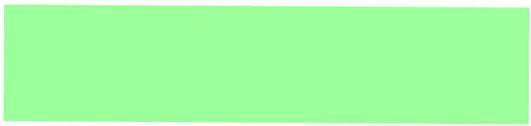


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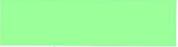
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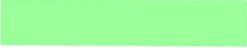


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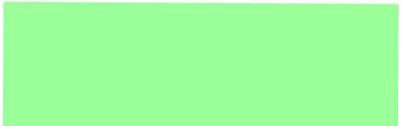
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APPLICATION: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility under Section 212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(B)(i)(II).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



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, appearing to be "Ron Rosenberg".

Ron Rosenberg,  
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The waiver application was denied by the Field Officer Director, Baltimore, Maryland. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i) provides that an affected party must file a complete appeal within 30 days after service of an unfavorable decision. If the decision is mailed, the 30-day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after it is mailed. 8 C.F.R. § 103.8(b). The date of filing is the date of actual receipt of the appeal, not the date of mailing. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i).

The record reflects that the field office director sent the decision on September 6, 2012, to the applicant at the applicant's address of record. It is noted that the field office director stated that the applicant had 33 days to file an appeal with the Baltimore Office. A properly executed Form I-290B appeal was not received until November 29, 2012, 84 days after the decision was issued. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed and must be rejected.

Neither the Act nor the pertinent regulations grant the AAO authority to extend the time limit for filing an appeal. However, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) provides that, if an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen as described in 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(2) or a motion to reconsider as described in 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(3), the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case.

A motion to reopen must state the new facts to be proved in the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(2). A motion to reconsider must: (1) state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions to establish that the decision was based on an incorrect application of law or USCIS policy; and (2) establish that the decision was incorrect based on the evidence of record at the time of the initial decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(3).

The official having jurisdiction over a motion is the official who made the last decision in the proceeding, in this case the field office director of the Baltimore, Maryland Field Office. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(ii). In the present matter, the Field Office Director noted that the applicant is ineligible to adjust his status under section 245 of the Act, and dismissed the Form I-601 application. On appeal, counsel for the applicant asserts that the Field Office Director should re-examine the waiver application because the applicant is eligible to file a Form I-601 to waive his inadmissibility. The matter will therefore be returned to the field office director. If the field office director determines that the late appeal meets the requirements of a motion, the motion shall be granted and a new decision will be issued.

As the appeal was untimely filed, the appeal must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.