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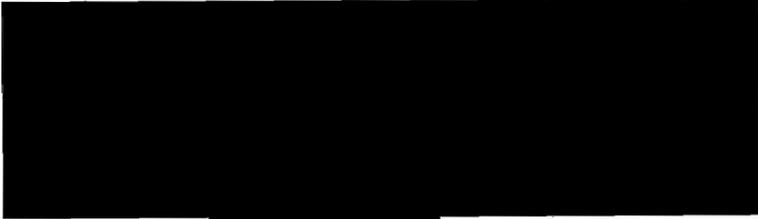
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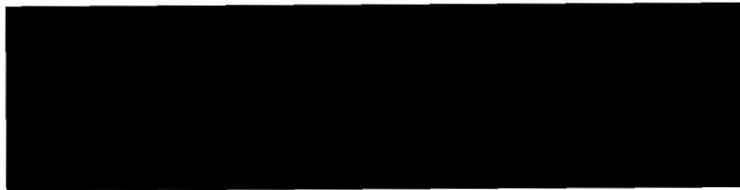
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Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

Date: OCT 04 2006

IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Temporary Resident pursuant to Section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a.

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 office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The termination of temporary resident status by the Director, California Service Center, is before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director terminated the applicant's status because the applicant failed to file the Form I-698, Application for Adjustment of Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident, within the 43-month application period.

An alien may appeal a decision to terminate his temporary resident status to the Administrative Appeals Office. Any appeal with the required fee shall be filed with the service center within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of termination. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(u)(2)(i). An appeal received after the thirty day period has tolled will not be accepted. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(3)(iv)(C). 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.F.R. § 103.5a(b).

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i) provides that an application or petition that is submitted with the wrong filing fee shall be rejected as improperly filed.

The director issued the Notice of Termination on November 17, 2004, and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. While the director indicated that the fee to file an appeal on Form I-694 is \$50.00 in the Notice of Termination, that fee was increased to \$105.00 effective April 30, 2004. *See* 69 Fed. Reg. 20528, 20532 (April 15, 2004) and 8 C.F.R. § 103.7(b)(3).¹ The director's Notice of Termination was issued more than six months after the fee increase took effect.

The appeal was initially received by the California Service Center on January 3, 2005, and it was rejected because the applicant submitted an incorrect fee of \$50.00 pursuant to the instructions of the director. The appeal was filed with the correct fee of \$105.00 on January 14 2005, 59 days after the director's decision. Accordingly, the appeal was untimely filed, and must be rejected.

Assuming, arguendo, the applicant had submitted the correct fee of \$105.00, the appeal would have still been untimely filed. According to the United States Postal Service track and confirm website,² the appeal was mailed via certified and was received by the California Service Center on January 3, 2005, 47 days after the adverse decision was issued.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected

¹ Effective October 26, 2005, the filing fee for Form I-694 is now \$110. *See* 70 Fed. Reg. 56182, 56184 (Sept. 26, 2005).

² www.usps.com