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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: **JUL 21 2006**
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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:
[REDACTED]

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, California Service Center (CSC), and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The applicant is a citizen of El Salvador who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The applicant filed this Form I-821 on February 24, 2005, and indicated that she was re-registering for TPS or renewing her temporary treatment benefits. The director of the CSC denied the application because the applicant's prior TPS application had been denied and the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration for TPS or renewal.

An appeal that is not filed within the time allowed must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee accepted will not be refunded. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(1).

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 director's decision of denial, dated August 16, 2005, clearly advised the applicant that any appeal must be properly filed within thirty-three days after service of the decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i). In this case, the appeal should have been filed on or before September 19, 2005; however, it was not filed until September 22, 2005.

Based upon the applicant's failure to file a timely appeal, the appeal will be rejected.

As always in these proceedings, the burden of proof rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.