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OFFICE: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

DATE: JAN 04 2008

[EAC 07 142 70014]  
[MSC 07 171 16685 appeal]

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 Vermont Service Center. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The re-registration application was rejected by the Director, Vermont Service Center (VSC), and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected, and the AAO will return the matter to the director for further action.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador who was granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) on March 29, 2003 [receipt number WAC 01 297 54357].

A subsequent re-registration application, filed under receipt number EAC 06 348 88838, was approved on October 2, 2006, and the applicant was advised that an appointment notice would be sent to him to appear at a USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) to have an extension sticker affixed to his current TPS-related employment authorization document that extends the validity of his card. On February 16, 2007, the applicant submitted Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization [receipt number EAC 07 142 70014], and indicated that he is applying for "Replacement of lost Employment Authorization Document." The Form I-765 application was rejected by the USCIS National Customer Service Center (NCSC), Chicago, Illinois, and returned to the applicant on February 22, 2007. The Form I-767, Rejection Notice, informed the applicant that the application is being returned because the "re-registration period for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for your country of citizenship has ended."

On March 20, 2007, counsel appealed the rejection notice. Counsel states that the applicant had timely applied during the re-registration period and had received his EAD, and that the applicant was only requesting a replacement for his lost EAD.

The AAO has no jurisdiction over an appeal based on rejection or denial of Forms I-765. Therefore, the appeal must be rejected and the case remanded to the director.

According to the instructions for Form I-765 (OMB No. [REDACTED]), an application for replacement of a valid lost, stolen or mutilated TPS employment authorization document is to be sent to: USCIS, Vermont Service Center, Attn: TPS, 75 Lower Welden Street, St. Albans, VT 05479-0001. It appears that the applicant sent his application for replacement of his EAD to the NCSC, Chicago, Illinois, rather than to the VSC.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected. The matter is returned to the director for consideration and action.