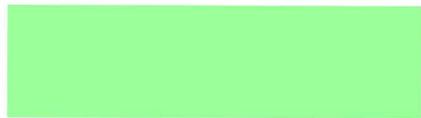




U.S. Citizenship
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DATE: JUN 06 2013 Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER FILE: [REDACTED]

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254a

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case.

If you believe the AAO inappropriately applied the law in reaching its decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen in accordance with the instructions on Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. The specific requirements for filing such a motion can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. **Do not file any motion directly with the AAO.** Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires any motion to be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Rosenberg".

Ron Rosenberg
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for Temporary Protected Status was denied by the Director, California Service Center. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

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

The director denied the application because of the applicant's criminal record, which consists of one felony and three misdemeanor convictions.

On appeal, the applicant does not address the basis for the denial of his application or provide any evidence to overcome the director's findings. The applicant indicates at Part 2 on the appeal form that a brief and/or additional evidence would be submitted to the AAO within 30 days.¹ However, more than a year later, no additional correspondence has been presented by the applicant.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v) states, in pertinent part:

Summary dismissal. An officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal.

Inasmuch as the applicant has failed to overcome the director's finding and has failed to identify specifically an erroneous conclusion of law or a statement of fact as a basis for the appeal, the regulations mandate the summary dismissal of the appeal.

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

While not the basis for the dismissal of the appeal, it is noted that the record reflects that a removal hearing was held on August 13, 2001, and the applicant was ordered removed from the United States. On September 10, 2001, the applicant appealed the decision of the immigration judge to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). On September 6, 2002, the BIA dismissed the appeal. On July 24, 2012, the applicant filed a motion to reopen before the BIA which was denied on August 23, 2012.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.

¹ Every appeal submitted on the form prescribed by this chapter shall be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions on the form, such instructions being hereby incorporated into the particular section of the regulations in this chapter requiring its submission. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1). The Form I-290B instructs the applicant to submit a brief and additional evidence to the AAO within 30 days of filing the appeal.