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USCIS Reminds Eligible Salvadorans to Re-register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) by March 8, 2005

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today reminded those eligible Salvadorans to re-register for the 18-month extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) by March 8, 2005. The TPS extension will extend benefits until September 9, 2006. Under this extension, those who have already been granted TPS are eligible to live and work in the United States for an additional 18-months and continue to maintain their status. There are approximately 248,282 nationals of El Salvador (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in El Salvador) who are eligible for re-registration.

To re-register for TPS under the extension, a TPS applicant must submit Form I-821 with revision date November 5, 2004 (Application for Temporary Protected Status) without the filing fee, Form I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization), and a \$70 biometrics services fee for each applicant age 14 and older. In addition, any applicant under age 14 who seeks an EAD must submit the \$70 biometrics fee. Unlike previous extension procedures, TPS re-registrants need not submit photographs with the TPS application because photographs will be taken when the applicant appears at an Application Support Center (ASC) for collection of biometrics. Both the Form I-765 and I-821 must be submitted for re-registration. Failure to properly complete and submit both forms will lead to the rejection of the application. If the applicant is only seeking to re-register for TPS and not seeking an EAD, there is no filing fee for the Form I-765. However, all applicants seeking an EAD valid until September 9, 2006 must submit a \$175 filing fee with Form I-765. Applicants may request a fee waiver in accordance with the regulations. The biometric fees, however, cannot be waived. Failure to submit the required filing fees will result in the rejection of the re-registration application.

If you are re-registering and have previously filed with the Vermont Service Center, the Form I-821, Form I-765, fees, and all supporting documentation should be filed at the USCIS Chicago Lockbox at:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
P.O. Box 6943
Chicago, IL 60680-6943

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Or, for non-United States Postal Service (USPS) deliveries:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Attn: TPS/VSCrd
427 S. LaSalle – 3rd Floor
Chicago, IL 60605

If you are re-registering and have previously filed with either the California Service Center, Texas Service Center, or Nebraska Service Center or if you are filing a late initial registration, the Form I-821, Form I-765, fees, and all supporting documentation should be filed at the USCIS Chicago Lockbox at:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Attn: TPS El Salvador
P.O. Box 87583
Chicago, IL 60680-0583

Or, for non-United States Postal Service (USPS) deliveries:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Attn: TPS El Salvadorrd
427 S. LaSalle – 3rd Floor
Chicago, IL 60605

More information can be obtained from the USCIS National Customer Service Center toll-free number: 1-800-375-5283. TPS forms are available from the toll-free USCIS Forms line, 1-800-870-3676, from the USCIS Web site: www.uscis.gov, and will be made available at local USCIS offices.

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On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) became one of three former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.