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Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Re-registration Period for Nationals of Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador Ended Dec. 30, 2008

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reminds its customers that the re-registration period for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nationals of Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador ended Dec. 30, 2008.

Individuals may re-register after the close of the re-registration period only if they demonstrate good cause for failing to file during the re-registration period. To re-register based on the good cause exception, individuals must submit their applications to the address listed in the Oct. 1, 2008 *Federal Register* notice for the extension of their country's designation for TPS and must include a letter explaining why they feel they have good cause for failing to re-register during the re-registration period, along with any evidence they may have to substantiate this explanation. USCIS will consider requests filed after the re-registration period has closed on a case-by-case basis.

TPS beneficiaries must submit Form I-821 (Application for Temporary Protected Status) without the application fee, and Form I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization) in order to re-register for TPS. If the applicant is only seeking to re-register for TPS and not seeking an extension of employment authorization, he or she must submit Form I-765 for data-gathering purposes only, and is not required to submit the I-765 filing fee.

All applicants seeking an extension of employment authorization through the duration of the 18-month TPS extension must submit the required application filing fee with Form I-765. The biometric service fee must be submitted by all re-registrants 14 years of age and older. Applicants who cannot pay the fees may file requests for fee waivers with sufficient documentation of their inability to pay.

For specific instructions regarding TPS, visit USCIS' Web site at www.uscis.gov/tps.

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