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Stakeholder Message

Extending Validity of TPS and TPS Documentation for Beneficiaries of Certain Country Designations

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today announced a <u>Federal Register</u> <u>notice</u> extending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and the validity of TPS-related documentation for beneficiaries under the TPS designations for El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Sudan.

The notice automatically extends through Oct. 4, 2021, the validity of Employment Authorization Documents (EADs); Forms I-797, Notice of Action; and Forms I-94, Arrival/Departure Record (collectively, TPS-related documentation) for beneficiaries under the TPS designations for these six countries. The notice also sets forth procedures necessary for nationals of these six countries (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in these countries) to apply for EADs if they wish.

Background

This notice ensures continued compliance with the orders issued by the federal district courts in the *Ramos v. Nielsen, Bhattarai v. Nielsen,* and *Saget v. Trump* lawsuits that require DHS to maintain the TPS designations for El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Sudan, as well as the TPS and TPS-related documentation for eligible affected beneficiaries.

- The TPS designations for El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Sudan will remain in effect, as required by the *Ramos* district court order, so long as the preliminary injunction remains in effect. Although a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit vacated the injunction on Sept. 14, 2020, no directive has been issued to the district court, thus the injunction remains in effect.
- The TPS designation for Haiti will remain in effect, as required by the preliminary injunction orders in both *Ramos* and *Saget*, so long as either of those preliminary injunctions remains in effect.
- The TPS designations for Honduras and Nepal will remain in effect so long as the *Bhattarai* order staying proceedings and approving the parties' stipulated agreements continues in effect.

More Information

For more information, see the Dec. 9, 2020 <u>Federal Register notice</u>, specific TPS country pages on the USCIS website, and updates on the <u>Update on Ramos v. Nielsen webpage</u>, and the <u>Update on Bhattarai v. Nielsen webpage</u>.



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Kind regards,

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