

not change the required dates of continuous residence and continuous physical presence in the United States. This extension does not expand TPS availability to those beyond the current TPS eligibility requirements for Nicaragua. To be eligible for benefits under this extension, nationals of Nicaragua (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Nicaragua) must have continuously resided in the United States since December 30, 1998 and been continuously physically present in the United States since January 5, 1999, the date of the initial designation of TPS for Nicaragua.

#### Are Certain Aliens Ineligible for TPS?

Yes. There are certain criminal and terrorism-related inadmissibility grounds that render an alien ineligible for TPS. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)(2)(A)(iii). Further, aliens who have been convicted of any felony or two or more misdemeanors committed in the United States are ineligible for TPS under section 244(c)(2)(B) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 254a(c)(2)(B), as are aliens described in the bars to asylum in section 208(b)(2)(A) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A).

#### What Is Late Initial Registration?

Some persons may be eligible for late initial registration under 8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)(1)(A)(iv) and 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2) and (g). To apply for late initial registration an applicant must:

- (1) Be a national of Nicaragua (or alien who has no nationality and who last habitually resided in Nicaragua);
- (2) Have continuously resided in the United States since December 30, 1998;
- (3) Have been continuously physically present in the United States since January 5, 1999; and
- (4) Be both admissible as an immigrant, except as provided under section 244(c)(2)(A) of the Act, and not ineligible under section 244(c)(2)(B) of the Act.

Additionally, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that during the initial registration period (from January 5, 1999 to August 20, 1999), he or she:

- (1) Was a nonimmigrant or had been granted voluntary departure status or any relief from removal;
- (2) Had an application for change of status, adjustment of status, asylum, voluntary departure, or any relief from removal or change of status pending or subject to further review or appeal;
- (3) Was a parolee or had a pending request for repatriation; or
- (4) Is the spouse or child of an alien currently eligible to be a TPS registrant.

An applicant for late initial registration must file an application for late registration no later than 60 days after the expiration or termination of the conditions described above. 8 CFR 244.2(g). All late initial registration applications for TPS pursuant to the TPS designation of Nicaragua should be submitted to the Lockbox address in Chicago, Illinois.

#### What Happens When This Extension of TPS Expires on July 5, 2006?

At least 60 days before this extension of TPS designation of Nicaragua expires on July 5, 2006, the Secretary of DHS, after consultation with appropriate agencies of the Government, will review conditions in Nicaragua and determine whether the conditions for TPS designation continue to be met at that time, or whether the TPS designation should be terminated. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3). Notice of that determination, including the basis for the determination, will be published in the **Federal Register**.

#### Notice of Extension of Designation of TPS for Nicaragua

By the authority vested in DHS under section 244(b)(1)(B), (b)(3)(A), and (b)(3)(C) of the Act, DHS has determined, after consultation with the appropriate Government agencies, that the conditions that prompted designation of Nicaragua for TPS continue to be met. Accordingly, DHS orders as follows:

- (1) The designation of Nicaragua under section 244(b)(1)(B) of the Act is extended for an additional 18-month period from January 5, 2005, to July 5, 2006. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(C).
- (2) There are approximately 4,309 nationals of Nicaragua (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Nicaragua) who have been granted TPS and who are eligible for re-registration.
- (3) To maintain TPS, a national of Nicaragua (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Nicaragua) who was granted TPS during the initial designation period and the subsequent extensions of this designation, or who was granted TPS during late initial registration, must re-register for TPS during the 60-day re-registration period from November 3, 2004 until January 3, 2005.
- (4) To re-register, the applicant must file the following: (1) Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status; (2) Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and (3) a biometric services fee of seventy dollars (\$70) if applicant is age 14 or older, or if applicant is under age 14, and

(5) At least 60 days before this extension ends on July 5, 2006, the Secretary of DHS, after consultation with appropriate agencies of the Government, will review the designation of Nicaragua for TPS and determine whether the conditions for designation continue to be met. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). Notice of that determination, including the basis for the determination, will be published in the **Federal Register**. *Id.*

(6) Information concerning the extension of designation of Nicaragua for TPS will be available at local USCIS offices upon publication of this notice and on the USCIS Web site at <http://uscis.gov>.

Dated: October 28, 2004.

**Tom Ridge,**

*Secretary of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### National Communications System

#### Telecommunications Service Priority System Oversight Committee

**AGENCY:** National Communications System (NCS).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting cancellation.

The November 9, 2004 meeting of the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System Oversight Committee has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date to be determined.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4903-N-90]

#### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Materials and Equipment Specifications

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below