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THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) EXTENDS TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS) FOR EL SALVADORANS

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has extended TPS designation for El Salvadorans for an additional 12 months, until September 9, 2007. Qualified TPS applicants must re-register on or before September 1, 2006.

Unlike previous years, applicants need not file separate Employment Authorization Document extension applications with their application for TPS re-registration. Rather, when their TPS is extended, a sticker will be placed on their existing EAD cards. Because adjudication of TPS extensions may not be completed until after the expiration of existing TPS EAD cards on September 9, 2007, the DHS has provided for an automatic extension Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) for six months until such time as the extension is granted and the EAD extension sticker is affixed to the existing EAD cards. This automatic extension of EADs is expected to preserve employment authorization for more thousands of beneficiaries.

If you have questions regarding the continuing validity of an existing EAD card, or require assistance in an employee's re-registration for TPS status, please contact your Tindall & Foster immigration attorney.