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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY EXTENDS TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS) FOR NICARAGUANS AND HONDURANS**

**TPS Extended Until July 5, 2007**

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On March 31, 2006, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published regulations extending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for eligible Nicaraguans and Hondurans. TPS holders must re-register before June 1, 2006 in order to maintain eligibility for TPS designation.

Following re-registration, Nicaraguans and Hondurans holding TPS will be prompted to appear for fingerprinting and biometrics and will be issued a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD) extending their period of employment authorization until July 5, 2007. In the interim, the DHS regulation automatically extends existing EAD cards *issued on Form I-766, category "A-12" or "C-19", with an expiration date of July 5, 2006* pursuant to prior TPS designation. The period of automatic extension is six months, until January 5, 2007. Employers and potential employers are required by regulation to accept these particular expired EAD cards during the period of automatic extension. Should you have questions regarding whether a card that has been presented to you fits the regulatory description such that you must accept it as proof of employment authorization, please contact your Tindall & Foster Immigration Attorney for guidance.