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- (1) Type of information collection: Extension of Current Collection
- (2) The title of the form/collection: Return A and Supplement to Return A
- (3) The agency form number, if any, and applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection. Form: I-720A and I-706. Federal Bureau of Identification, Department of Justice.
- (4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as brief abstract. Primary: State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. This collection will gather information necessary to monitor the bias motivation of selected criminal offenses. The resulting statistics are published annually.
- (5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 4,900 agencies; 95,255 responses; and with an average completion time of 30 minutes or 6 hours, annually.
- (6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 20,580 hours annually.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 13, 1997.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1853-97; AG Order No. 2087-97]

RIN 1115-AE26

Termination of Designation of Rwanda Under Temporary Protected Status Program After Final 6-Month Extension

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice terminates, effective on December 6, 1997, the Attorney General's designation of Rwanda under the Temporary Protected Status ("TPS") program provided for in section 244 of the Immigration and

Naturalization Act, as amended ("the Act"). Accordingly, eligible aliens who are nationals of Rwanda (and eligible aliens who have no nationality and last habitually resided in Rwanda) may re-register for TPS and extension of employment authorization for a final 6-month period. This re-registration is limited to persons who registered for the initial period of TPS which ended on June 6, 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This notice of termination of the Temporary Protected Status designation for Rwanda is effective on June 7, 1997. The TPS designation for Rwanda will remain in effect from June 7 to December 6, 1997. The main re-registration procedures become effective on June 19, 1997, and will remain in effect until July 18, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Chirlin, Adjudications Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Room 3214, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 514-5014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 308(b)(7) of Public Law 104-208 (September 30, 1996) renumbered section 244A of the Act as 244 of the Act. Under this section, the Attorney General continues to be authorized to grant TPS to eligible aliens who are nationals of a foreign state designated by the Attorney General (or who have no nationality and last habitually resided in that state). The Attorney General may designate a state upon finding that the state is experiencing ongoing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent nationals or residents of the country from returning to it in safety.

On June 7, 1994, the Attorney General designated Rwanda for Temporary Protected Status for a period of 12 months. 59 FR 29440. On May 25, 1995, the Attorney General extended the designation of Rwanda under the TPS program for an additional 12-month period until June 6, 1996. 60 FR 27790. Subsequently, the Attorney General extended the designation of Rwanda under the TPS program for additional 6-month periods until June 6, 1997. 61 FR 29428 and 61 FR 58425.

Section 244(b)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Attorney General to review, at least 60 days before the end of the initial period of designation or any extended period of designation, the conditions in a state designated under section 244(b)(1) of the Act. The section also requires the Attorney General to determine whether the requirements for such a designation continue to be met, and to terminate the state's designation

when the Attorney General determines that those requirements are not met.

This notice terminates the designation of Rwanda under the TPS program. In accordance with section 244(b)(3) (B) and (C) of the Act, this termination will be effective on December 6, 1997, following the final 6-month extension granted by this notice. This notice also describes the procedures with which eligible aliens who are nationals of Rwanda (or who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Rwanda) must comply in order to re-register for TPS during this final 6-month period.

In addition to timely re-registrations and late re-registrations authorized by this notice's extension of Rwanda's TPS designation, late initial registrations are possible for some Rwandans under 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2), formerly 8 CFR 240.2(f)(2). Such late initial registrants must have been "continuously physically present" in the United States since June 7, 1994, must have had a valid immigrant or non-immigrant status during the original registration period, and must register no later than 30 days from the expiration of such status.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires all TPS registrants to submit Form (I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, for data-gathering purposes. Therefore, a Form I-765 must always be submitted with the Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, as part of either a re-registration or late initial registration, even if employment authorization is not requested. The appropriate filing fee must accompany Form I-765 unless a properly documented fee waiver request is submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service or unless the applicant does not request employment authorization.

Notice of Termination of Designation of Rwanda Under the TPS Program

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under section 244 of the Act (8 U.S.C. 1254), as amended, and pursuant to section 244(b)(3) of the Act, I have had consultations with the appropriate agencies of the U.S. Government concerning (a) the conditions in Rwanda; and (b) whether permitting nationals of Rwanda (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States.

As a result of these consultations, I have determined that Rwanda no longer continues to meet the conditions for designation of TPS under section

244(b)(1) of the Act. The situation in Rwanda has greatly improved since the designation of TPS in 1994. The return of comparative stability throughout most of Rwanda has led the U.S. Government to strongly encourage the repatriation of Rwandan refugees from neighboring countries. During the last half of 1996 and the beginning of 1997, approximately 1.3 million refugees returned to Rwanda. The ability of so many to return in relative safety demonstrates the end of the extraordinary circumstances that existed in 1994.

While other avenues of immigration relief, including asylum, remain available to Rwandans in the United States who believe that their particular circumstances make return to Rwanda unsafe, we have determined that TPS is no longer appropriate for Rwandans in general. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

(1) The TPS designation of Rwanda under section 244(b)(3) of the Act is extended for a final 6-month period starting June 7, 1997, and terminating December 6, 1997.

(2) I estimate that there are approximately 200 nationals of Rwanda (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) who have been granted Temporary Protected Status and are eligible for the final 6-month period of re-registration.

(3) In Order to maintain current registration for TPS, a national of Rwanda (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) who received a grant of TPS during the initial period of designation from June 7, 1994, to June 6, 1995, must comply with the re-registration requirements contained in 8 CFR 244.17, formerly 8 CFR 240.17, which are described in pertinent part in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this notice.

(4) A national of Rwanda (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) who has been granted TPS and wishes to maintain that status must re-register by filing a new Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, together with an Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, within the 30-day period beginning on [June 19, 1997], and ending on [July 18, 1997], in order to be eligible for TPS during the period from June 7 to December 6, 1997. Late re-registration applications will be allowed pursuant to 8 CFR 244.17(c), formerly 8 CFR 240.17(c).

(5) There is no fee for Form I-821 filed as part of the re-registration application. A Form I-765 must be filed at the same time. If the alien requests employment authorization for the 6-

month extension period, the fee prescribed in 8 CFR 103.7(b)(1), currently seventy dollars (\$70), must accompany the Form I-765. An alien who does not request employment authorization must nonetheless file Form I-765 together with Form I-821, but in such cases no fee will be charged.

(6) Information concerning the TPS program for nationals of Rwanda (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) will be available at local Immigration and Naturalization Service offices upon publication of this notice.

Dated: June 12, 1997.

Janet Reno,

Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-29 Exemption Application No. D-10345, et al.]

Grant of Individual Exemptions; Washington National Retirement Plan

AGENCY: Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

ACTION: Notice of typographical corrections.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice of typographical corrections of Prohibited Transaction Exemptions (PTE) 97-29 through PTE 97-32 (60 FR 31630-31632, June 10, 1997). As a result of typographical errors, the PTE numbers for four (4) individual exemptions were incorrectly published. This document contains the corrections for those PTE numbers. In addition, the original heading also contained a typographical error which is corrected below.

Correction

In 60 FR published at page 31630 on June 10, 1997, in the second column, the fourth line in the original heading is hereby corrected to read as follows:

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-29].

Washington National Retirement Plan Located in Lincolnshire, IL

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-29; Application No. D-10345]

Correction

In 60 FR published at page 31630 on June 10, 1997, in the third column, the third line in the heading is hereby corrected to read as follows:

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-29].

For Further Information Contact: Mr. Ronald Willett of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Joint Apprenticeship Committee Plumbers Local No. 27 Located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-30; Application No. L-10366]

Correction

In 60 FR published at page 31631 on June 10, 1997, in the second column, the third line in the heading is hereby corrected to read as follows:

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-30].

For Further Information Contact: Mr. Ronald Willett of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Howes Leather Company, Inc., Employee Stock Ownership Plan Located in Curwensville, Pennsylvania

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-31; Application No. D-10385]

Correction

In 60 FR published at page 31631 June 10, 1997, in the first column, the third line in the heading is hereby corrected to read as follows:

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-31].

For Further Information Contact: Mr. Ronald Willett of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Thrift Savings Plan and Trust Located in New York, New York

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-32 Application No. D-10391]

Correction

In 60 FR published at page 31632 on June 10, 1997, in the second column, the fourth line in the heading is hereby corrected to read as follows:

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-32].

For Further Information Contact: Karin Weng of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8883. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Signed at Washington, DC, this 13th day of June 1997.

Ivan L. Strasfeld,

Director of Exemption Determinations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

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