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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1862-97; AG Order No. 2101-97]

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Extension of Designation of Bosnia-Herzegovina Under Temporary Protected Status Program

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice extends, until August 10, 1998, the Attorney General's designation of Bosnia-Herzegovina under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program provided for in section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (Act). Accordingly, eligible aliens who are nationals of Bosnia-Herzegovina (or who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Herzegovina) may re-register for TPS and extension of employment authorization. This re-registration is limited to persons who registered for the initial period of TPS, which ended on August 10, 1993.

DATES: This extension of designation is effective August 11, 1997, and will remain in effect until August 10, 1998. The re-registration procedures become effective August 1, 1997, and will remain in effect until September 2, 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: Subsection 308(b)(7) of Pub. L. 104-208 (September 30, 1996) renumbered section 244A of the Act as section 244. 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 certain other extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent nationals or residents of the country from returning in safety.

On August 10, 1992, the Attorney General designated Bosnia-Herzegovina for Temporary Protected Status for a period of 12 months (57 FR 35604). The Attorney General extended the designation of Bosnia-Herzegovina under the TPS program for additional 12-month periods until August 10, 1997 (61 FR 39471).

This notice extends the designation of Bosnia-Herzegovina under the Temporary Protected Status program for an additional 12 months, in accordance with subsections 244(b)(3) (A) and (C) of the Act. This notice also describes the procedures with which eligible aliens who are nationals of Bosnia-Herzegovina (or who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Herzegovina) must comply in order to re-register for TPS.

In addition to timely re-registrations and late re-registrations authorized by this notice's extension of Bosnia-Herzegovina's TPS designation, late initial registrations are possible for some Bosnians under 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2). Such late initial registrants must have been "continuously physically present" in the United States since August 10, 1992, 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.

An Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, must always be filed along with the Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, as part of either a re-registration or a late initial registration. 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 wish to obtain employment authorization. The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires TPS registrants to submit Form I-765 for data-gathering purposes, whether or not work authorization is desired.

Notice of Extension of Designation of Bosnia-Herzegovina Under the Temporary Protected Status Program

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under section 244 of the Act (8 U.S.C. 1254), and pursuant to subsections 244(b)(3)(A) and (C) of the Act, I had consultations with the appropriate agencies of the Government concerning (a) the conditions in Bosnia-Herzegovina; and (b) whether permitting nationals of Bosnia-Herzegovina (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Herzegovina) to remain temporarily in

the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States. As a result, I determine that the conditions for the original designation of Temporary Protected Status for Bosnia-Herzegovina continue to be met. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

(1) The designation of Bosnia-Herzegovina under subsection 244(b) of the Act is extended for an additional 12-month period from August 11, 1997, to August 10, 1998.

(2) I estimate that there are approximately 400 nationals of Bosnia-Herzegovina (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Herzegovina) who have been granted Temporary Protected Status and who are eligible for re-registration.

(3) In order to maintain current registration for Temporary Protected Status, a national of Bosnia-Herzegovina (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Herzegovina) who received a grant of TPS during the initial period of designation, from August 10, 1992, to August 10, 1993, must comply with the re-registration requirements contained in 8 CFR 244.17, which are described in pertinent part in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this notice.

(4) A national of Bosnia-Herzegovina (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Herzegovina) who previously has been granted TPS, must re-register by filing a new Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, along with an Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, within the 30-day period beginning on August 1, 1997, and ending on September 2, 1997, in order to be eligible for Temporary Protected Status during the period from August 11, 1997, until August 10, 1998. Late re-registration applications will be allowed pursuant to 8 CFR 244.17(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 extension period, the fee prescribed in 8 CFR 103.7(b)(1), currently seventy dollars (\$70), or a properly documented fee waiver request pursuant to 8 CFR 244.20, must accompany the Form I-765. An alien who does not request employment authorization must nonetheless file Form I-765 along with Form I-821, but in such cases no fee will be charged.

(6) Pursuant to subsection 244(b)(3)(A) of the Act, the Attorney General will review, at least 60 days before August 10, 1998, the designation of Bosnia-Herzegovina under the TPS program to determine whether the

conditions for designation continue to be met. Notice of that determination, including the basis for the determination, will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: July 26, 1997.

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Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1863-97; AG Order No. 2102-97]

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Extension of Designation of Somalia Under Temporary Protected Status Program

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice extends, until September 17, 1998, the Attorney General's designation of Somalia under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program provided for in section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (Act). Accordingly, eligible aliens who are nationals of Somalia (or who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Somalia) may re-register for TPS and extension of employment authorization. This re-registration is limited to persons who registered for the initial period of TPS, which ended on September 16, 1992.

DATES: This extension of designation is effective September 18, 1997, and will remain in effect until September 17, 1998. The re-registration procedures become effective August 19, 1997, and will remain in effect until September 17, 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: Subsection 308(b)(7) of Pub. L. 104-208 (September 30, 1996) renumbered section 244A of the Act as section 244. 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 certain other extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent nationals or residents of the country from returning in safety.

On September 16, 1991, the Attorney General designated Somalia for Temporary Protected Status for a period of 12 months (56 FR 46804). The Attorney General extended the designation of Somalia under the TPS program for additional 12-month periods until September 17, 1997 (61 FR 39472).

This notice extends the designation of Somalia under the Temporary Protected Status program for an additional 12 months, in accordance with subsections 244(b)(3) (A) and (C) of the Act. This notice also describes the procedures with which eligible aliens who are nationals of Somalia (or who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Somalia) must comply in order to re-register for TPS.

In addition to timely re-registrations and late re-registrations authorized by this notice's extension of Somalia's TPS designation, late initial registrations are possible for some Somalis under 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2). Such late initial registrants must have been "continuously physically present" in the United States since September 16, 1991, 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.

An Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, must always be filed along with the Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, as part of either a re-registration or a late initial registration. 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 wish to obtain employment authorization. The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires TPS registrants to submit Form I-765 for data-gathering purposes, whether or not work authorization is desired.

Notice of Extension of Designation of Somalia Under the Temporary Protected Status Program

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under section 244 of the Act (8 U.S.C. 1254), and pursuant to subsections 244(b)(3) (A) and (C) of the Act, I had consultations with the appropriate agencies of the Government concerning (a) the conditions in Somalia; and (b) whether permitting nationals of Somalia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States. As a result, I determine that the conditions for the original designation of Temporary Protected Status for Somalia continue to be met. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

(1) The designation of Somalia under subsection 244(b) of the Act is extended for an additional 12-month period from September 18, 1997, to September 17, 1998.

(2) I estimate that there are approximately 350 nationals of Somalia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) who have been granted Temporary Protected Status and who are eligible for re-registration.

(3) In order to maintain current registration for Temporary Protected Status, a national of Somalia (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) who received a grant of TPS during the initial period of designation, from September 16, 1991, to September 16, 1992, must comply with the re-registration requirements contained in 8 CFR 244.17, which are described in pertinent part in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this notice.

(4) A national of Somalia (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) who previously has been granted TPS, must re-register by filing a new Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, along with an Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, within the 30-day period beginning on August 19, 1997, and ending on September 17, 1997, in order to be eligible for Temporary Protected Status during the period from September 18, 1997, until September 17, 1998. Late re-registration applications will be allowed pursuant to 8 CFR 244.17(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 extension period, the fee prescribed in