

Solder Div., Litton Systems, Inc., DesPlaines, IL; LSI Logic, Milpitas, CA; Nokia Mobile Phones, Ltd., Salo, FINLAND; Philips Consumer Communications, LeMans, FRANCE; Photo Stencil, Colorado Springs, CO; Robert Bosch GmbH, Stuttgart, GERMANY; VLSI Corporation, San Jose, CA; SGS-Thomson Microelectronics, Inc., Carrollton, TX; and Plexus Corporation, Neenah, WI. The nature and objectives of the venture are to acquire an in-depth understanding of all the material interactions and process limitations affecting Chip Size Packaging ("CSP") and Direct Chip Attach ("DCA") technologies which can be used to produce high quality products at high yields in the electronics industry. The overall objective of the venture is to provide fully documented processes which can be used to produce high quality product at high yields.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1953-98; AG Order No. 2181-98]

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Redesignation of Liberia Under Temporary Protected Status Program

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice redesignates Liberia under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program in accordance with section 244(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (the Act). This notice also describes the procedures with which eligible aliens who are nationals of Liberia (or who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Liberia) must comply to register for TPS.

The Attorney General initially designated Liberia for TPS effective March 7, 1991, and redesignated Liberia for TPS effective April 7, 1997. The designation and redesignation expired on September 28, 1998. This new redesignation of Liberia makes TPS available to eligible Liberian TPS applicants who have continuously resided in the United States since September 29, 1998, and who have been continuously physically present in the United States since September 29, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Liberian TPS redesignation is effective from September 29, 1998, until September 28, 1999. The registration period for this redesignation begins on September 29, 1998 and will remain in effect until March 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Valverde, Program Analyst, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Room 3214, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 514-3228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Statutory Provisions for Redesignation of TPS

Section 308(a)(7) of Pub. L. 104-132 renumbered section 244A of the Act. Under this section, renumbered as section 244 of the Act (8 U.S.C. 1254), the Attorney General is authorized to grant Temporary Protected Status in the United States 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 extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent nationals or residents of the country from returning in safety.

Subsection 244(b)(1) of the Act implicitly permits the Attorney General to "redesignate" (that is, to designate under the TPS program a country that has been previously designated), as well as designate for the first time, if she first finds that the required conditions are met. The act of redesignation is referenced in subsection 244(c)(1)(A)(I), which requires that "the alien has been continuously physically present since the effective date of the *most recent designation* of that state." (Emphasis added.) This provision thus explicitly contemplates more than one designation.

The TPS statute imposes a requirement that, in order to be eligible for TPS, an alien must have been continuously physically present in the United States since the effective date of the most recent designation. This means that, regardless of when a designation may have been extended, in order to receive TPS an alien must have been physically present in the United States from the date of initial designation or from the date of any redesignation. Section 244(c)(1)(A)(I) of the Act. The statute also authorizes the Attorney General to impose an additional requirement that an alien must have continuously resided in the United

States since such date as the Attorney General may designate. Section 244(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Act.

The required September 29, 1998, residence date will apply to all applicants. Certain trips from the United States after September 29, 1998, will be allowed under the definitions of "continuously physically present" and "continuous residence." See definitions at 8 CFR 244.1, formerly 8 CFR 240.1.

The initial registration period for this TPS redesignation continues from September 29, 1998 until March 29, 1999, in accordance with the required 180-day minimum period. Section 244(c)(1)(A)(iv) of the Act.

Redesignation of Liberia Under the TPS Program

On March 27, 1991, the Attorney General designated Liberia for Temporary Protected Status for a period of 12 months. 56 FR 12746. The Attorney General subsequently extended the designation of Liberia under the TPS program for additional periods, with the last extension valid until September 28, 1998. On March 31, 1998, the Attorney General published a Notice of Termination of Designation of Liberia under the TPS program effective September 28, 1998. 63 FR 15437. This determination was based on the understanding that the Department of State would review security conditions in Liberia prior to the September 28, 1998, expiration date of the TPS designation and redesignation for Liberia. The recent recurrence of armed conflict in Liberia and the Department of State review of conditions has caused the Attorney General to reconsider TPS status for Liberia and recommend the redesignation of TPS for Liberia.

In her discretion, the Attorney General has determined that, in light of renewed conflict in Liberia, the temporary conditions that exist in Liberia warrant redesignation. Therefore, pursuant to section 244(b)(1) of the Act, this notice grants Liberia a redesignation of TPS.

By operation of statute, this redesignation extends the availability of TPS only to Liberians who have been continuously physically present in the United States from the effective date of this redesignation, September 29, 1998.

Notice of Redesignation of Liberia Under the Temporary Protected Status Program

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1254), and pursuant to the discretion vested in the Attorney General under subsection 244(b)(1) of the

Act, I have consulted with the appropriate agencies of the U.S. Government concerning redesignation of Liberia under the Temporary Protected Status program. From these consultations I find that, due to renewed conflict in Liberia and ongoing insecurity, there exist extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent aliens who are nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) from returning to Liberia in safety. In consideration of these consultations and other relevant factors, and in the exercise of my discretion, I order redesignation of Liberia as follows:

(1) Liberia is redesignated under section 244(b)(1)(C) of the Act. Nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who have "continuously resided in the United States" since September 29, 1998, and have been "continuously physically present" since [September 29, 1998, whichever is later] may apply for Temporary Protected Status within the registration period which begins September 29, 1998 and ends on March 29, 1999.

(2) I estimate that there are no more than 10,000 nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who are currently in nonimmigrant or unlawful status (including the earlier Liberian TPS registrants) and are, therefore, eligible for Temporary Protected Status under this redesignation.

(3) Except as specifically provided in this notice, applications for TPS by nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) must be filed pursuant to the provisions of 8 CFR part 244, formerly 8 CFR 240. Aliens who wish to apply for TPS must file an Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, together with an Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, during the registration period, which begins on September 29, 1998 and will remain in effect until March 29, 1999.

(4) The Attorney General has determined that there will be no fee for an Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, filed in connection with this redesignation of Liberia under the TPS program.

(5) TPS registrants must submit a Form I-765 along with Form I-821 as part of the registration process. If a TPS registrant intends to work, he or she must obtain employment authorization. The filing fee for all Employment Authorization Documents (Forms I-765) received by the Service before October

13, 1998, is seventy dollars (\$70). On October 13, 1998, the Immigration and Naturalization Service will implement a revised fee schedule and the prescribed fee for all Forms I-765, received by the Service on or before October 13, 1998, will be on hundred dollars (\$100). Form I-765 may be submitted without the required fee if a properly documented fee waiver requests in accordance with 8 CFR 244.20, formerly 8 CFR 240.20, accompanies the form.

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

Dated: September 24, 1998.

Janet Reno,

Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

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Sunshine Act Meeting; Public Announcement—Pursuant to The Government in the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94-409) [5 U.S.C. Section 552b]

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice United States Parole Commission.

DATE AND TIME: 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 1, 1998.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 400, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

STATUS: Closed—Meeting.

MATTERS CONSIDERED: The following matter will be considered during the closed portion of the Commission's Business Meeting:

Appeals to the Commission involving approximately four cases decided by the national Commissioners pursuant to a reference under 28 CFR 2.27. These cases were originally heard by an examiner panel wherein inmates of Federal prisons have applied for parole or are contesting revocation of parole or mandatory release.

AGENCY CONTACT: Tom Kowalski, Case Operations, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492-5962.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

Michael A. Stover,

General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

[6P04091]

Sunshine Act Meeting; Public Announcement—Pursuant to The Government in the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94-409) [5 U.S.C. Section 552b]

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 1, 1998.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 400, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the open Parole Commission meeting:

1. Approval of minutes of previous Commission meeting.
2. Reports from the Chairman, Commissioners, Legal, Chief of Staff, Case Operations, and Administrative Sections.
3. Discussion and proposal to conform 28 CFR § 2.80 to the Guideline Worksheet Instructions.
4. Discussion and proposal to revise the Procedures Manual, appendix 9, in regard to transfer treaty cases.

5. Discussion and proposal to revise the procedures at § 2.76 regarding reduction in minimum sentences for District of Columbia prisoners.

AGENCY CONTACT: Tom Kowalski, Case Operations, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492-4596.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

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Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Applications for Approval of Sanitary Toilet Facilities

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public