

pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823 and 28 CFR 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic class of controlled substance listed above is granted.

Dated: June 19, 2001.

Laura M. Nagel,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 2148-01; AG Order No.]

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Automatic Extension of Work Authorization for Hondurans and Nicaraguans Under Temporary Protected Status Program

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 8, 2001, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) published notices in the **Federal Register** extending the designation of Honduras and Nicaragua under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Program until July 5, 2002. The extension for TPS allows eligible nationals of Honduras and Nicaragua to re-register for TPS and extend employment authorization. The Service is aware that many re-registrants will not receive their new employment authorization documents (EADs) until after their current EADs expire on July 5, 2001. Accordingly, this notice extends until December 5, 2001, the validity of EADs that were issued to Honduran or Nicaraguan nationals (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Honduras or Nicaragua) that are set to expire on July 5, 2001, under the extension of the TPS program. To be eligible for this automatic extension of employment authorization, an individual must be a national of Honduras or Nicaragua (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Honduras or Nicaragua) who currently holds an EAD that expires on July 5, 2001 and that was issued in conjunction with the TPS program for Honduras or Nicaragua. This automatic extension is limited to EADs bearing date of July 5, 2001 and the notation:

- “A-12” or “C-19” on the face of the card under “Category” for EADs issued on Form I-766; or, “274A.12(A)(12)” or “274A.12(C)(19)” on the face of the card under “Provision of Law” for EADs issued on Form I-688B.

DATES: This notice is effective July 3, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Biggs, Office of Adjudications, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Room 3214, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 514-4754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Is the Service Automatically Extending the Expiration Date of EADs From July 5, 2001 to December 5, 2001?

Considering both the number of applications that the Service anticipates it will receive for extension, Service processing capabilities, and given the short timeframe provided by statute for the decision to extend the Attorney General's designation of Honduras and Nicaragua under the TPS program, it is likely that many re-registrants will receive their new EAD after the expiration date of their current EAD. Unless an extension of the expiration date of their EAD is provided, re-registrants may experience a gap in employment authorization and be barred from working. Therefore, to afford the Service sufficient processing time or to ensure that re-registrants will be able to maintain their employment authorization until they receive a new EAD in connection with their re-registration for the new period of TPS, the Service through this notice, is extending the validity of applicable EADs to December 5, 2001.

Who Is Eligible To Receive an Automatic Extension of Employment Authorization?

To be eligible for an automatic extension of employment authorization, an individual must be a national of Honduras or Nicaragua (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Honduras or Nicaragua) who previously applied for and received an EAD under the initial January 5, 1999, designation of Honduras or Nicaragua for TPS. This automatic extension is limited to EADs bearing an expiration date of July 5, 2001, and the notation:

- “A-12” or “C-19” on the face of the card under “Category” for EADs issued on Form I-766; or,
- “274A.12(A)(12)” or “274A.12(C)(19)” on the face of the card under “Provision of Law” for EADs issued on Form I-688B.

Does a Qualified Individual Have To Apply to the Service for the Automatic Extension to December 5, 2001, of His or Her TPS-related EAD?

No, the extension of the validity of the previously issued EADS to December 5, 2001, is automatic and there is no fee. However, qualified individuals must re-register by August 6, 2001, in order to be eligible for a new EAD that is valid until July 5, 2002.

What Documents Can a Qualified Individual Show to His or Her Employer as Proof of Employment Authorization and Identify When Completing the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (Form I-9)?

For completion of the Form I-9 at the time of hire or re-verification, qualified individuals who have received an extension of employment authorization by virtue of this **Federal Register** notice may present to their employer a TPS-related EAD as proof of valid employment authorization and identity until December 5, 2001. To minimize confusion over this extension at the time of hire or re-verification, qualified individuals may also present to their employer a copy of this **Federal Register** notice regarding the extension of employment authorization to December 5, 2001. In the alternative to presenting a TPS-related EAD, any legally acceptable document or combination of documents listed in List A, List B, or List C of the Form I-9 may be presented as proof of identity and employment eligibility; it is the choice of the employee.

How Can Employers Determine Which EADs That Have Been Automatically Extended Through December 5, 2001, Are Acceptable for Completion of the Form I-9?

For purposes of verifying identity and employment eligibility or re-verifying employment eligibility on the Form I-9 until December 5, 2001, employers of TPS Honduran or Nicaraguan nationals (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Honduras or Nicaragua) whose employment authorization has been automatically extended by this notice must accept an EAD that contains an expiration date of July 5, 2001, and that bears that notation:

- “A-12” or “C-19” on the face of the card under “Category” for EADs issued on Form I-766; or,
- “274A.12(A)(12)” or “274A.12(c)(19)” on the face of the card under “Provision of Law” for EADs issued on Form I-688B.

New EADs or extension stickers showing the December 5, 2001,

expiration date will not be issued. Employers should not request proof of Honduran or Nicaraguan citizenship. Employers presented with an EAD that has been extended by this **Federal Register** notice and that appears to be genuine and to relate to the employee should accept the document as a valid List A document and should not ask for additional Form I-9 documentation. This action by the Service through this **Federal Register** notice does not affect the right of an employee to present any legally acceptable document as proof of identity and eligibility for employment. Employers are reminded that the laws prohibiting unfair immigration-related employment practices remain in full force.

Employers may call the Service's Office of Business Liaison Employer Hotline at 1-800-357-2099 to speak to a Service representative about this Notice. Employers can also call the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) Employer Hotline at 1-800-255-8155. Employees or applicants can call the OSC Employee Hotline at 1-800-255-7688 about the automatic extension.

Does This Notice Affect Any Other Portion of the May 8, 2001, Federal Register Notices Extending TPS Designation for Honduras and Nicaragua Until July 5, 2002?

No, all other TPS requirements contained in the May 8, 2001, **Federal Register** notices at 66 FR 23269 and 66 FR 23271, respectively, are accurate and remain in effect.

Dated: June 28, 2001.

Kevin D. Rooney,
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL2-92]

Canadian Standards Association, Renewal and Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agency's final decision on: (1) the application of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) for renewal of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized

Testing Laboratory under 29 CFR 1910.7, and (2) the application of the Canadian Standards Association for expansion of its recognition to use additional standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The renewal becomes effective on July 3, 2001 and will be valid until July 3, 2006, unless terminated or modified prior to that date, in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N3653, Washington, D.C. 20210, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Final Application

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice of the renewal and expansion of recognition of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). CSA's expansion request covers the use of additional test standards. The NRTL's scope of recognition may be found in OSHA's informational web page for the NRTL (<http://www.osha-slc.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/csa.html>).

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization has met the legal requirements in Section 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products "properly certified" by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition or for expansion or renewal of this recognition following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope.

CSA originated in 1919 as the Canadian Engineering Standards Association (CESA), which was changed in 1944 to the present name. In 1940, CSA began to test and certify products.

CSA received its recognition as an NRTL on December 24, 1992 (see 57 FR 61452), for a period of five years ending December 24, 1997. Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7 stipulates that the period of recognition of an NRTL is five years and that an NRTL may renew its recognition by applying not less than nine months, nor more than one year, before the expiration date of its current recognition. CSA submitted its renewal request on March 20, 1997 (see Exhibit 26A), within the time allotted, and CSA retains its recognition pending OSHA's final decision in this renewal process.

In July 1997, CSA acquired additional testing facilities from the American Gas Association (AGA). OSHA had recognized AGA operation of these facilities for NRTL status in 1990 (June 7, 1990, 55 FR 23312). OSHA was in the process of renewing its recognition of these facilities when CSA acquired them. Although OSHA was generally aware that CSA had made this acquisition, CSA did not officially inform OSHA until March 1999 as to how it wanted to treat these sites within its NRTL operations. The NRTL Program staff withheld action on CSA's renewal request until it received this information.

CSA has submitted a request, dated June 16, 1999 (see Exhibit 26B), to expand its recognition as an NRTL to include 195 additional test standards. The NRTL Program staff has determined that 51 of the 195 standards are not "appropriate test standards," within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.7(c). The staff makes such determinations in processing expansion requests from any NRTL. Therefore, OSHA is approving 144 test standards for the expansion, which are listed below in the section on expansion.

OSHA published the required notice in the **Federal Register** on March 16, 2001, (66 FR 15281) to announce CSA's renewal and expansion requests. This notice included a preliminary finding that CSA could meet the requirements in 29 CFR 1910.7 for renewal and expansion of its recognition and invited public comment by April 2, 2001. OSHA received no comments concerning this notice.

In processing CSA's requests, OSHA performed on-site reviews of CSA's facilities listed below. NRTL Program staff recommended the renewal and expansion of CSA's recognition in the on-site review report (see Exhibit 27).

The following is a chronology of the other **Federal Register** notices published by OSHA concerning CSA's recognition, all of which have involved an expansion of recognition for additional sites, standards, or programs: