

1999, Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation, 59 Route 10, East Hanover, New Jersey 07926, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of methylphenidate (1724), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The firm plans to manufacture finished product for distribution to its customers.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substance may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than November 12, 1999.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

John H. King,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

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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 the Attorney General's designation of Somalia under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program until September 17, 2000. Eligible nationals of Somalia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) may re-register for TPS and an extension of employment authorization. Re-registration is limited to persons who registered for the initial period TPS, which ended on September 16, 1992, or who registered after that date under the late initial registration provision.

Persons who are eligible for late initial registration may register for TPS during this extension.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The extension of the TPS designation for Somalia is effective September 18, 1999, and will remain in effect until September 17, 2000. The 30-day re-registration period begins September 13, 1999 and will remain in effect until October 13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Valverde, Residence and Status Services Branch, Adjudications, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Room 3214, 425 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 514-4754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Authority Does the Attorney General Have to Extend the Designation of Somalia Under the TPS Program?

Section 244(b)(3)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) states that at least 60 days before the end of an extension or a designation, the Attorney General must review conditions in the foreign state for which the designation is in effect. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). If the Attorney General determines that the foreign state

continues to meet the conditions for designation, the period of extension is extended, pursuant to section 244(b)(3)(C) of the Act. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(C). Through such an extension, TPS is available only to persons who have been continuously physically present and have continuously resided in the United States from the effective date of the initial designation, in this case, since September 16, 1991.

Who Did the Attorney General Decide To Extend the TPS Designation for Somalia?

On September 16, 1991, the Attorney General initially designated Somalia under the TPS program for a period of 12 months. 56 FR 46804. Since that date, the Departments of State and Justice have annually reviewed conditions within Somalia. Based on this year's review, the Attorney General finds that the armed conflict in Somalia is ongoing, and that the extraordinary and temporary conditions that provided a basis for the initial TPS designation continue to warrant the extension of Somalia's TPS designation. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1)(C).

If I Currently Have TPS, How Do I Register for an Extension?

Persons previously granted TPS under the Somalia program may apply for an extension by filing a Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, without the fee, during the re-registration period that begins September 13, 1999 and ends October 13, 1999. Additionally, you must file a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization. See the chart below to determine whether or not you must submit the one-hundred dollar (\$100) filing fee with the Form I-765.

If—	Then—
You are applying for employment authorization through September 17, 2000.	You must complete and file the Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, with the one-hundred dollar (\$100) fee.
You already have employment authorization or do not require employment authorization.	You must complete and file the Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, with no fee.
You are applying for employment authorization and are requesting a fee waiver.	You must complete and file Form I-765 and a fee waiver request and affidavit (and any other information) in accordance with 8 CFR 244.20.

To re-register for TPS, you also must include two identification photographs (1½" x 1½").

Is Late Registration Possible?

Yes. In addition to timely re-registration, late initial registration is possible for some persons from Somalia under 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2). To apply for

late initial registration an applicant must

- (1) be a national of Somalia (or alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia);
- (2) have been continuously physically present in the United States since September 16, 1991;

(3) have continuously resided in the United States since September 16, 1991; and

- (4) be admissible as an immigrant, except as otherwise provided in section 244(c) of the Act. 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2).

Additionally, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that, during the initial registration period from

September 16, 1991, through September 16, 1992, he or she

(1) was in valid immigrant or nonimmigrant status, or had been granted voluntary departure status, or any relief from removal;

(2) had an application for change of status, asylum, voluntary departure status or any relief from removal;

(3) was a parolee or had a pending request for reparole; or

(4) was the spouse or child of an alien currently eligible to be a TPS registrant. Id.

An applicant for late initial registration must register no later than sixty (60) days from the expiration or termination of the qualifying condition. Id.

Where Should I File for an Extension of TPS?

Nationals of Somalia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) seeking to register for an extension of TPS must submit an application and accompanying materials to the Immigration and Naturalization Service local office that has jurisdiction over the applicant's place of residence.

When Can I File for an Extension of TPS?

The 30-day re-registration period begins September 13, 1999 and will remain in effect until October 13, 1999.

How Does an Application for TPS Affect My Application for Asylum or Other Immigration Benefits?

An application for TPS does not affect an application for asylum or any other immigration benefit. A national of Somalia (or alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) who is otherwise eligible for TPS and has applied for or plans to apply for asylum, but who has not yet been granted asylum or withholding of removal, may also apply for TPS. Denial of an application for Asylum or any other immigration benefit does not affect an applicant's ability to register for TPS, although the grounds of denial may also be grounds of denial for TPS. For example, a person who has been convicted of an aggravated felony is not eligible for asylum or TPS.

Does This Extension Allow Nationals of Somalia (or Aliens Having No Nationality Who Last Habitually Resided in Somalia) Who Entered the United States After September 16, 1991, To File for TPS?

No. This is a notice of an extension of the TPS designation for Somalia. It is not a notice of redesignation of Somalia under the TPS program. An extension of

TPS does not change the required dates of continuous physical presence and residence in the United States, and does not expand the TPS program to include nationals of Somalia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) who arrived in the United States after the date of the original designation, in this case, September 16, 1991.

Notice of Extension of Designation of Somalia Under the TPS Program

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under section 244(b)(3)(A) of the Act, I have consulted with the appropriate agencies of the Government concerning whether the conditions under which Somalia was initially designated for TPS continue to exist. As a result, I determine that, the armed conflict in Somalia is ongoing, and that the extraordinary and temporary conditions that provided a basis for the initial TPS designated for Somalia continue to exist. Accordingly, I order as follows:

(1) The designation of Somalia under section 244(b) of the Act is extended for an additional 12-month period from September 18, 1999, until September 17, 2000. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(C).

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

(3) In order to be eligible for TPS during the period from September 18, 1999, through September 17, 2000, a national of Somalia (or aliens 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, until September 16, 1992, must re-register for TPS 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 September 13, 1999 and ending on October 13, 1999.

(4) Pursuant to section 244(b)(3)(A) of the Act, the Attorney General will review, at least 60 days before September 17, 2000, the designation of Somalia under the TPS program to determine whether the conditions for designation continue to be met. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). Notice of that determination, including the reasons underlying it, will be published in the **Federal Register**.

(5) Information concerning the TPS program for nationals of Somalia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) will be

available at local Service offices upon publication of this notice.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

Janet Reno,

Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Extension of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Title XII Advances Process

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the process for requesting advances from the Federal Unemployment Account (FUA) and repayment of such advances under Title XII of the Social Security Act (SSA). Technically, there is no request for information. There is, however, a paperwork burden on States because they must prepare and transmit formal requests for the authority to request advances and the repayment of said advances.

A copy of the proposed procedure can be obtained by contacting the addressee listed below.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room C 4514, 200 Constitution Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20210; 202 219-7831 (this is not a toll-free number).