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# Press Release

## **USCIS Issues Employment Authorization Documents For Salvadorans Who Have Re-registered For Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) today announced it has completed processing renewal Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) for more than 238,000 Salvadorans who have re-registered for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). Salvadorans who filed their extension by the September 15, 2003 deadline should receive their renewal EAD cards by March 9, 2004. The renewal EADs will be valid until March 5, 2005, which is when the current extension of TPS for Salvadorans is set to expire.

Salvadorans who have timely filed for TPS re-registration, have not received a renewal EAD from USCIS by March 9, 2004, and believe they should have received a renewal EAD, should immediately contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at its toll free number — (800) 375-5283—Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, the Embassy of El Salvador at (202) 387-4766 or a Salvadoran Consulate in their vicinity.

USCIS advises employers with questions and concerns regarding EADs and the employment eligibility verification process (Form I-9 process) to contact the USCIS Office of Business Liaison Employer information number at 1-800-357-2099.

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