

### V. Procedures Available for Modification of the Proposed Judgment

The proposed judgment is subject to a stipulation between the government and the defendant which provides that the government may withdraw its consent to the proposed judgment any time before the Court has found that entry of the judgment is in the public interest. By its terms, the proposed judgment provides for the Court's retention of jurisdiction of this action in order to permit any of the parties to apply to the Court for such orders as may be necessary or appropriate for the modification of the judgment, including the demonstration of retail market conditions outlined in Section VI of the decree.

As provided by the APPA (15 U.S.C. 16), any person wishing to comment upon the proposed judgment may, for a sixty-day (60) period subsequent to the publishing of this document in the Federal Register, submit written comments to the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Attention: Roger W. Fones, 325 Seventh Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530. Such comments and the government's response to them will be filed with the Court and published in the Federal Register. The government will evaluate all such comments to determine whether there is any reason for withdrawal of its content to the proposed judgment.

### VI. Alternative to the Proposed Judgment

The alternative to the proposed judgment considered by the Antitrust Division was a full trial of the issues on the merits and on relief. The Division considered the substantive language of the proposed judgment to be of sufficient scope and effectiveness to make litigation on the issues unnecessary, as the judgment provides all of the relief sought against the violations alleged in the complaint.

### VII. Determinative Materials and Documents

No materials or documents were considered determination by the United States in formulating the proposed judgment. Therefore, none are being filed pursuant to the APPA, 15 U.S.C. 16(b).

Department of Justice Antitrust Division

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Network Management Forum

Notice is hereby given that, on November 19, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the Network Management Forum ("the Forum") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions to its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, the identities of the new members to the venture are as follows: DMR TRECOM, Milford, CT; and Technology & Process Consulting, Inc., Birmingham, AL are Corporate Members. Bouygues Telecom, Velizy, Cedex, France; Call Technologies, Inc., Reston, VA; CELOGIC, Trappes Cedex, France; Clear Communications Corporation, Lincolnshire, IL; CommTech Corporation, Westerville, OH; ILOG, Inc., Mountain View, CA; Infinet Software, Inc., Boulder, CO; ITTI, Ltd., Poznan, Poland; Minacom International, Inc., Montreal, Quebec, Canada; NCR Corporation, Iselin, NJ; O.TEL.O Communications, Koln, Germany; Positron Fiber Systems, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; RTS Limited, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England; Scopus Technology, Inc., Emeryville, CA; Spazio ZeroUno S.p.A., Vimodrone, Italy; Sprint PCS, Lenexa, KS; S.W.I.F.T., La Hulpe, Belgium; Sybase, Inc., Dallas, TX; Tellium, Inc., Edison, NJ; Unique Data Ltd. (UDI), Rishon, Letzion; Israel; Vision In Business, London, England; and Worldbridge Broadband Services, Inc., Nashville, TN are Associate Members. Cohen Communications Group, New York, NY; CRIEPI, Tokyo, Japan; DNA Enterprise, Inc., Richardson, TX; GRC International, Inc., Vienna, VA; and National Communications System, Arlington, VA are Affiliate Members.

No other changes have been made since the last notification filed with the Department in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and the Forum intends to file additional written

notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On October 21, 1988, the Forum filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 8, 1988 (53 FR 49615).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 8, 1997. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 10, 1997 (62 FR 60531).

**Constance K. Robinson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1910-98; AG Order No. 2146-98]

RIN 1115-AE26

#### Termination of Designation of Liberia Under Temporary Protected Status Program After Final 6-Month Extension

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice terminates the Attorney General's designation of Liberia under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program provided for in section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (Act). Eligible aliens who are national of Liberia (and eligible aliens who have no nationality and last habitually resided in Liberia) may re-register for TPS and extension of employment authorization for a final 6-month period.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** Termination of the Temporary Protected Status designation for Liberia is effective September 28, 1998, and the TPS designation for Liberia is extended for a final 6-month period, from March 29, 1998, to September 28, 1998. The main re-registration procedures become effective on March 31, 1998, and will remain in effect until April 29, 1998.

**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:** Under section 244 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1254, the Attorney General is 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 other extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent nationals or residents of the country from returning to it in safety.

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 of six additional 12-month periods, with the last extension valid until March 28, 1998, 62 FR 16608. While extending the designation of Liberia under the TPS program, the Attorney General also concurrently redesignated Liberia under the TPS program. This concurrent extension and redesignation, which was published on April 7, 1997, made TPS available to eligible Liberian TPS applicants who have "continuously resided in the United States" since June 1, 1996, and who had been "continuously present in the United States" since April 7, 1997.

Section 244(b)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Attorney General to review, at least 60 days before the end of the initial period of designation or any extended period of designation, the conditions in a foreign state designated under section 244(b)(1) of the Act. The section also requires the Attorney General to determine whether the conditions for such a designation continue to be met, and to terminate the state's designation when the Attorney General determines that the foreign state no longer continues to meet those conditions.

This notice terminates the designation of Liberia under the TPS program. There may be other avenues of immigration relief, such as asylum, withholding of removal, and cancellation of removal, available to Liberians in the United States who believe that their particular circumstances make return to Liberia unsafe. Those Liberians who have not applied for asylum, withholding of removal, or cancellation of removal, or who are not eligible to apply for permanent residence under any of the established employment or family-based categories, must depart the United States to avoid accruing any periods of unlawful presence that would later subject them to the 3- or 10-year bars to admission under section 212(a)(9)(B)(i) of the Act.

In accordance with section 244(B)(3)(B) and (C) of the Act, this termination will be effective on

September 28, 1998, following the final 6-month extension granted by this notice. 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 in order to re-register for TPS during this final 6-month period.

In addition to timely re-registrations and late re-registrations authorized by this notice's extension of Liberia's TPS designation, late initial registrations are possible for some Liberians under 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2), formerly 8 CFR 240.2(f)(2). Such late initial registrants must have been "continuously physically present" in the United States since June 1, 1996, 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.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires all TPS registrants to submit Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, for data-gathering purposes. Therefore, a Form I-765 must always be submitted with the Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, as part of either a re-registration or late initial registration, even if employment authorization is not requested. The appropriate filing fee must accompany Form I-765 unless a properly documented fee waiver request, pursuant to 8 CFR 244.20, is submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service or unless the applicant does not request employment authorization.

#### **Notice of Termination of Designation of Liberia Under the TPS Program**

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under section 244 of the Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1254), and pursuant to section 244(b)(3) of the Act, I have had consultations with the appropriate agencies of the U.S. Government concerning (a) the conditions in Liberia; and (b) whether permitting nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States.

As a result of these consultations, I have determined that Liberia no longer continues to meet the conditions for designation of TPS under section 244(b)(1) of the Act. This determination has been based on the understanding that the Department of State will review security conditions in Liberia prior to the September 28, 1998, expiration date of the TPS designation for Liberia. The Department of State could, therefore,

provide additional information regarding the possible redesignation for Liberia.

According to information supplied to me by the Department of State, I understand that overall security conditions in Liberia have improved during the past year. Elections were held and the new Liberian Government's policy is to welcome back Liberian refugees. Improved stability and security throughout most of Liberia has led the U.S. Government to support the repatriation of Liberian refugees in neighboring countries.

In view of the Department of State's recommendation for termination, I have determined that TPS is no longer appropriate for Liberia in general.

Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

(1) The TPS designation of Liberia under section 244(b)(3) of the Act is extended for a final 6-month period starting March 29, 1998, and terminating September 28, 1998.

(2) I estimate that there are approximately 8,000 nationals of Liberia (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who have been granted Temporary Protected Status and are eligible for the final 6-month period of re-registration.

(3) In order to maintain current registration for TPS, a national of Liberia (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who received a grant of TPS based upon the initial March 27, 1991, designation, or based upon the April 7, 1997, redesignation, must comply with the re-registration requirements contained in 8 CFR 244.17, formerly 8 CFR 240.17, which are described in pertinent part in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this notice.

(4) A national of Liberia (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who has been granted TPS and wishes to maintain that status must re-register by filing a new Form I-821, Application For Temporary Protected Status, together with a Form I-865, Application for Employment Authorization, within the 30-day period beginning on March 31, 1998, and ending April 30, 1998, in order to be eligible for TPS during the period from March 29, 1998 to September 28, 1998. Late re-registration applications will be allowed pursuant to 8 CFR 244.17(c), formerly 8 CFR 240.17(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 6-month extension period, the fee prescribed in 8 CFR 103.7(b)(1),

currently seventy dollars (\$70), must accompany the Form I-765. An alien who does not request employment authorization must nonetheless file Form I-765, together with Form I-821, but in such cases no fee will be charged.

(6) Information concerning the TPS 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: March 25, 1998.

**Janet Reno,**

*Attorney General.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

March 26, 1998.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public

information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Todd R. Owen ((202) 219-5096 ext. 143) or by E-Mail to Owen-Todd@dol.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 219-4720 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday-Friday.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), on or before April 30, 1998.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* International Price Program—U.S. Export Price Indexes.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0025 (Revision).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

Form No.	Frequency	Number of respondents	Average time per respondent (hours)
2894B .....	Annually .....	1,613	.75
3008 .....	Annually .....	1,613	.25
3007D .....	Monthly/Quarterly .....	3,235	.53

*Total Burden Hours:* 22,039.

*Total annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* 0.

*Description:* The International Price Program Indexes, a primary economic indicator, are used as measures of movement in international prices, indicators of inflationary trends in the economy, and sources of information used to determine U.S. monetary, fiscal, trade, and commercial policies. They are also used to deflate the Gross Domestic Product.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* International Price Program—U.S. Import Price Indexes.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0026 (Revision).

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit.

Form No.	Frequency	Number of respondents	Average time per respondent (hours)
3007B .....	Annually .....	1,725	1
3008 .....	Annually .....	1,725	.334
3007D .....	Monthly/Quarterly .....	3,235	.56

*Total Burden Hours:* 23,884.

*Total annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* 0.

*Description:* The International Price Program Indexes, a primary economic indicator, are used as measures of movement in international prices, indicators of inflationary trends in the

economy, and sources of information used to determine U.S. monetary, fiscal, trade, and commercial policies. They are also used to deflate the Gross Domestic Product.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* NAFTA Customer Survey Data Request.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0337 (extension).

*Frequency:* Three survey submitted.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit.

*Total Respondents:* 350.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,100.

*Total annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* 0.