

Notice of Extension of Designation of Somalia Under the TPS Program

By the authority vested in me as Secretary of DHS under sections 244(b)(1)(B), (b)(3)(A), and (b)(3)(C) of the Act, I have consulted with the appropriate government agencies and determine that the conditions that prompted designation of Somalia for TPS continue to be met. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). 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 17, 2003, to September 17, 2004. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(C).

(2) There are approximately 360 nationals of Somalia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) who have been granted TPS and who are eligible for re-registration.

(3) To maintain TPS, a national of Somalia (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Somalia) who received TPS during the initial designation period must re-register for TPS during the 60-day re-registration period from July 21, 2003 until September 19, 2003.

(4) To re-register, the applicant must file: (1) Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status; (2) Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and (3) two identification photographs (1½ inches by 1½ inches). Applications submitted without the required fee and/or photos will be returned to the applicant. There is no fee for filing the Form I-821 for re-registration. If the applicant requests employment authorization, he or she must submit one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120) or a properly documented fee waiver request, pursuant to 8 CFR 244.20, with the Form I-765. An applicant who does not request employment authorization must nonetheless file Form I-765 along with Form I-821, but is not required to submit the fee. The fifty-dollar (\$50) fingerprint fee is required only for children beneficiaries of TPS who have reached the age of 14 but were not previously fingerprinted. Failure to re-register without good cause will result in the withdrawal of TPS. 8 CFR 244.17(c). Some persons who had not previously applied for TPS may be eligible for late initial registration under 8 CFR 244.2.

(5) At least 60 days before this extension terminates on September 17, 2004, the Secretary will review the designation of Somalia under the TPS program and determine whether the conditions for designation continue to

be met. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). Notice of that determination, including the basis for the determination, will be published in the **Federal Register**. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A).

(6) Information concerning the extension of designation of Somalia under the TPS program will be available at local BCIS offices upon publication of this notice and on the BCIS Web site at <http://www.bcis.gov>.

Dated: July 16, 2003.

Tom Ridge,

Secretary of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard**

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Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC). GLPAC advises the Coast Guard on matters related to regulations and policies on the pilotage of vessels on the Great Lakes.

DATES: Application forms must reach us on or before September 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form and waiver by writing to Commandant (G-MW), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling (202) 267-6164; by faxing (202) 267-4700; or by e-mailing Jshort@comdt.uscg.mil. Send your completed application, a short resume, and the signed waiver (if you are applying for the second member position described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice) to the above street address or by fax to (202) 267-4700. This notice and the application and waiver forms are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Margie Hegy, Executive Director of GLPAC, at (202) 267-0415, fax (202) 267-4700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2; Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770 (1972). It advises the Secretary of the Department of

Homeland Security, via the Commandant of the Coast Guard, on the rules and regulations that govern the registration of pilots, the operating requirements for U.S. registered pilots, pilot training policies, and the policies and regulations that establish rates charges and conditions for pilotage services.

GLPAC meets at least twice a year at various locations in the continental United States. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Subcommittees or working groups may be designated to consider specific problems and will meet as required.

We will consider applications for two positions. The first position represents the interests of vessel operators who contract for pilotage services on the Great Lakes. In addition to representing the interests of this specific segment of the Great Lakes marine industry, you must have five years of practical experience in maritime operations.

The second vacant position has never been filled and is unique in that the member is required to have a background in finance or accounting, and the requirement for five years of practical experience in maritime operations that the other six GLPAC members must meet is waived for this position. In addition, applicants who do not live or work in the Great Lakes community are specifically encouraged to apply.

All applications for the second position only will be reviewed and discussed by the other six Committee members, as the candidate for this position must be recommended for appointment by a unanimous vote of the other members of the Committee. This discussion will occur in a public forum; however, information of a personal nature that would invade the privacy of the applicant, including his or her name, will be blacked out before the applications are made available to the public. Applicants will be asked to sign a waiver to allow discussion of their application at a public meeting of GLPAC.

Each member serves for a term of three years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem will be provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Homeland Security on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.