

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

March 3, 2025

ZAJI OBATALA ZAJRADHARA,)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding
)	OCAHO Case No. 2024B00011
)	
COSTA WORLD CORPORATION,)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This case arises under the employment discrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1324b. On October 17, 2023, Complainant, Zaji Obatala Zajradhara, filed a complaint with the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (OCAHO), alleging Respondent discriminated against him and retaliated against him in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(1) and (a)(5). After giving Complainant an opportunity to amend the Complaint, the Court dismissed Complainant’s national origin claim without prejudice. It then set an answer deadline of April 18, 2025. *Zajradhara v. Costa World Corp.*, 19 OCAHO no. 1546d (2025).¹

On February 12, 2025, Complainant filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Amended Complaint, and Opposition to Dismissal of Case. On February 13, 2025, the Court issued an order explaining no deadlines in the case applied to Complainant, and clarified his national origin allegation had already been dismissed without prejudice. *Zajradhara v. Costa World Corp.*, 19 OCAHO no. 1546e, 2 (2025).

¹ Citations to OCAHO precedents reprinted in bound Volumes 1 through 8 reflect the volume number and the case number of the particular decision, followed by the specific page in that volume where the decision begins; the pinpoint citations which follow are thus to the pages, seriatim, of the specific entire volume. Pinpoint citations to OCAHO precedents subsequent to Volume 8, where the decision has not yet been reprinted in a bound volume, are to pages within the original issuances; the beginning page number of an unbound case will always be 1, and is accordingly omitted from the citation. Published decisions may be accessed in the Westlaw database “FIMOCAHO,” or in the LexisNexis database “OCAHO,” or on the website at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-of-the-chief-administrative-hearing-officer-decisions>.

On February 24, 2025, Complainant filed a Motion for Extension of Time to Respond, requesting “an additional 60 days, to respond to Respondent’s Answer.” Mot. Extension Resp. 1. Complainant states he is “actively seeking information regarding workforce listings from the CNMI Department of Labor” and the extension appears to be a request to allow for him to acquire this information. *Id.*

Again, the current deadline (for Respondent to file an Answer) is April 18, 2025. This deadline applies to Respondent only. If Respondent files an Answer, Complainant may file a response (as is always the case), but such a response is at the discretion of Complainant, and there is no associated deadline. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 68.9(d).²

Because there is no deadline to extend, Complainant’s Motion for Extension of Time to Respond is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on March 3, 2025.

Honorable Andrea R. Carroll-Tipton
Administrative Law Judge

² OCAHO Rules of Practice and Procedure, 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2024). The rules are also available through OCAHO’s webpage on the United States Department of Justice’s website. *See* <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-of-the-chief-administrative-hearing-officer-regulations>.