Dated: August 18, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will include an explanation of the federal legislation creating the NMVTIS and its requirements, and a discussion of funding to the states to implement the System by Department of Justice officials; an overview of the technical and informational infrastructure of the System by AAMVAnet NMVTIS-program managers; lunch; a discussion by the FBI representatives of law enforcement safety and security concerns for information provided; and an open discussion of issues of concern among the participants.

All prospective service providers must meet the basic requirements for participating in AAMVAnet’s network system and must contract directly with AAMVAnet, Inc. Service providers will not have exclusive rights to available consumer information, will receive no payment for services from AAMVAnet, and will be solely responsible for customer solicitation, customer fees, and any expenses connected with use of the System.


Louis J. Freeh,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice extends, until August 10, 1999, the Attorney General’s designation of Bosnia-Hercegovina under the Temporary Protected Status program for an additional 12-month period until August 10, 1999. The re-registration procedures became effective August 24, 1998, and will remain in effect until September 22, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Subsection 308(b)(7) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act, Pub. L. 104–208, dated September 30, 1996, redesignated section 244A of the Act as section 244 of the Act. Under this section, the Attorney General continues to be 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 certain other extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent nationals or residents of the country from returning in safety.

On August 10, 1992, the Attorney General designated Bosnia-Hercegovina for Temporary Protected Status for a period of 12 months (57 FR 35604). The Attorney General has extended the designation of Bosnia-Hercegovina under the TPS program several times. Last year she extended the designation for an additional 12-month period until August 10, 1998 (62 FR 41420).

Based on a thorough review by the Department of State and Justice of all available evidence, the Attorney General finds that the armed conflict in Bosnia-Hercegovina continues and that, due such conflict, requiring the return of nationals to Bosnia-Hercegovina would pose a serious threat to their personal safety.

This notice extends the designation of Bosnia-Hercegovina under the Temporary Protected Status program for an additional 12 months, in accordance with subsections 244(b)(3)(A) and (C) of the Act. This notice also describes the procedures with which eligible aliens who are nationals of Bosnia-Hercegovina (or who have no nationality and who last habitually
resided in Bosnia-Hercegovina) must comply in order to re-register for TPS. In addition to timely re-registrations and late re-registrations authorized by this notice’s extension of Bosnia-Hercegovina’s TPS designation, late initial registrations are possible for some Bosnians under 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2). Such late initial registrants must have been “continuously physically present” in the United States since August 10, 1992, must have had a valid immigrant or nonimmigrant status during the original registration period or have an application for status pending during the initial registration period, and must register no later than 30 days from the expiration of such status. Any national of Bosnia-Hercegovina who has already applied for, or plans to apply for, asylum but whose asylum application has not yet been approved may also apply for TPS. An application for TPS does not preclude or adversely affect an application for asylum or any other immigration benefit.

Nationals of Bosnia-Hercegovina (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Hercegovina) who have been continuously physically present and have continuously resided in the United States since August 10, 1992, may re-register for TPS within the registration period which begins on August 24, 1998, and ends on September 22, 1998. Nationals of Bosnia-Hercegovina may register for TPS by filing an Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, which requires a filing fee (instructions regarding the payment of fees for re-registration are contained in paragraph 5 of this notice). The Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, must always be accompanied by an Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, which is required for data-gathering purposes. TPS applicants who already have employment authorization, including some asylum applicants, and those who have no need for employment authorization, including minor children, need only pay the I-821 fee although they must complete and file the I-765. In all other cases, the appropriate filing fee must accompany Form I-765, unless a properly documented fee waiver request is submitted under 8 CFR 244.20 to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Notice of Extension of Designation of Bosnia-Hercegovina Under the Temporary Protected Status Program

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under section 244 of the Act, subsections 244(b)(3)(A) and (C) of the Act, I had consultations with the appropriate agencies of the Government concerning (a) the conditions in Bosnia-Hercegovina; and (b) whether permitting nationals of Bosnia-Hercegovina (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Hercegovina) to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States. As a result, I determine that the conditions for the original designation of Temporary Protected Status for Bosnia-Hercegovina continue to be met. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

(1) The designation of Bosnia-Hercegovina under subsection 244(b) of the Act is extended for an additional 12-month period from August 11, 1998, to August 10, 1999.

(2) I estimate that there are approximately 400 nationals of Bosnia-Hercegovina (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Hercegovina) who have been granted Temporary Protected Status and who are eligible for re-registration. (3) In order to maintain current registration for Temporary Protected Status, a national of Bosnia-Hercegovina (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Hercegovina) who received a grant of TPS during the initial period of designation, from August 10, 1992, to August 10, 1993, must comply with the re-registration requirements contained in 8 CFR 244.17, which are described in pertinent part in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this notice.

(4) A national of Bosnia-Hercegovina (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Hercegovina) who previously has been granted TPS, must re-register 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 August 24, 1998, and ending on September 22, 1998, in order to be eligible for Temporary Protected Status during the period from August 11, 1998, until August 10, 1999. Late re-registration applications will be allowed pursuant to 8 CFR 244.17(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 with the Form I-821. If the alien requests employment authorization for the extension period, the fee prescribed in 8 CFR 103.7(b)(1), currently seventy dollars ($70), or a properly documented fee waiver request pursuant to 8 CFR 244.20, must accompany the Form I-765. An alien who does not request employment authorization must nonetheless file Form I-765 along with Form I-821, but in such cases no fee will be charged.

(6) Pursuant to subsection 244(b)(3)(A) of the Act, the Attorney General will review, at least 60 days before August 10, 1999, the designation of Bosnia-Hercegovina under the TPS program to determine whether the conditions for designation continue to be met. Notice of that determination, including the basis for the determination, will be published in the Federal Register.

(7) Information concerning the TPS program for nationals of Bosnia-Hercegovina (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Bosnia-Hercegovina) will be available at local Immigration and Naturalization Service offices upon publication of this notice.

Janet Reno,
Attorney General.

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