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**SUBJECT:** Termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone

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The designations of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will terminate effective May 21, 2017. Nationals of these countries will no longer have TPS benefits to reside in the U.S. as of May 21, 2017.

Although TPS benefits will no longer be available for nationals of these countries, they will continue to hold any other immigration status that they have maintained or acquired while registered for TPS. Individuals with no other lawful immigration status on May 21, 2017, will no longer be protected from removal or eligible for employment authorization based on TPS.

TPS-related Employment Authorization Documents issued under Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone designations are only valid through May 20, 2017, and will not be renewed or extended.

Local Districts having questions on status of TPS beneficiaries and their eligibility for benefits should contact the Temporary Assistance Bureau.