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This guidance supersedes the [SAVE Termination of TPS for Somalia](#) message posted on March 27, 2026.

The Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation of Somalia and related benefits was set to terminate on March 17, 2026. However, on March 13, 2026, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts issued an order staying the TPS Somalia termination. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 26-cv-11201 (D. Mass.).

TPS Somalia beneficiaries will keep their status and employment authorization, and their documentation will remain valid per the court order. Forms I-766, Employment Authorization Documents, (EADs) with category A12 or C19 remain valid and are extended. Refer to the EAD Extension dropdown on the [TPS Somalia](#) page for EAD expiration dates that are extended pending the resolution of the litigation.

SAVE will verify if an alien has received an approval for TPS that has not been withdrawn using information from any TPS-related document, such as a Form I-797, Approval Notice, or Form I-797C, Notice of Action. TPS beneficiaries will receive a SAVE manual response of:

- “Temporary Protected Status – Employment Authorized - Temp Emp Auth”;
- The employment authorized through date will be the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) expiration date of “**July 1, 2026**”; and
- DHS Comments: “TPS and employment authorization are extended per court order. Please check the USCIS [TPS Somalia](#) webpage regularly for updates.”

As this matter is in active litigation, the status of the individual's TPS and employment authorization is dependent on developments in the litigation. User agencies should therefore check the USCIS [TPS Somalia](#) webpage regularly for updates. You may also subscribe to regular updates for SAVE using [Granicus Communications](#).

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ALERT: After reviewing country conditions and consulting with the appropriate U.S. government agencies, the former Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem determined that Somalia no longer meets the conditions for its designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). See [Termination of the Designation of Somalia for Temporary Protected Status, 91 Fed. Reg. 1547](#) (Jan. 14, 2026). Somalia's TPS designation and related benefits were slated to terminate on March 17, 2026. On March 13, 2026, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts issued an order staying the TPS Somalia termination. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 26-cv-11201 (D. Mass.).

What this means for Forms I-766, Employment Authorization Documents (EADs):

The validity of Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) issued under the TPS designation of Somalia with an original expiration date of March 17, 2023, September 17, 2024, and March 17, 2026, is extended per court order. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 26-cv-11201 (D. Mass.).

When completing the Expiration Date (if any) fields on Form I-9, input "as per court order" in Section 1 and "**July 1, 2026**," in Section 2 along with a note in the **Additional Information** box. Employers may download the [TPS Somalia](#) webpage and attach it to Form I-9.

When completing a case in E-Verify, enter the expiration date of "**July 1, 2026**," from the Form I-9.

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