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This guidance supersedes the [SAVE Termination of TPS for South Sudan](#) message posted on July 17, 2026.

The Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation of South Sudan and related benefits was set to terminate on Jan. 5, 2026. However, on Dec. 30, 2025, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts issued an order staying the TPS South Sudan termination. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 25-cv-13939-PBS (D. Mass.).

TPS South Sudan 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. The extension is limited relief until the lower courts align with the U.S. Supreme Court's favorable decision in *Mullin v. Doe*, 609 U.S. ____ (2026), issued on June 25, 2026. Refer to the EAD Extension dropdown on the [TPS South Sudan](#) webpage 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SAVE will verify if an alien has received an approval for TPS that has not been withdrawn using information from any TPS-related document, such as a Form I-797, Approval Notice, or Form I-797C, Notice of Action.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 "**August 6, 2026**"; and
- DHS Comments "TPS and employment authorization are extended per court order. Please check the USCIS [TPS South Sudan](#) 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 South Sudan](#) 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, former Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem determined that South Sudan no longer met the conditions for designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). See Termination of the Designation of South Sudan for Temporary Protected Status, [90 Fed. Reg. 50484](#) (Nov. 6, 2025). South Sudan's TPS designation and related benefits were slated to terminate on Jan. 5, 2026. On Dec. 30, 2025, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts issued an order staying the South Sudan TPS termination. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 25-cv-13939-PBS (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 South Sudan with an original expiration date of Nov. 3, 2023, May 3, 2025, or Nov. 3, 2025, is extended per court order. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 25-cv-13939-PBS (D. Mass.). The extension is limited relief until the lower courts align with the U.S. Supreme Court's favorable decision in *Mullin v. Doe*, 609 U.S. ____ (2026), issued on June 25, 2026.

When completing the Expiration Date (if any) fields on Form I-9, input "as per court order" in Section 1 and "**August 6, 2026**" in Section 2 along with a note in the Additional Information box. Employers may download the Alert and [TPS South Sudan](#) webpage and attach them to Form I-9. When completing a case in E-Verify, enter the expiration date of "**August 6, 2026**" from the Form I-9. Check USCIS websites regularly for updated information.

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