

# Update on Termination of TPS for Ethiopia

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**Alert:** After reviewing country conditions and consulting with the appropriate U.S. government agencies, the Secretary of Homeland Security determined that Ethiopia no longer meets the conditions for designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). See Termination of the Designation of Ethiopia for Temporary Protected Status, [90 FR 58028](#) (Dec. 15, 2025). Ethiopia's TPS designation and related benefits were slated to terminate on Feb. 13, 2026. On Jan. 30, 2026, the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts issued an order staying the TPS Ethiopia termination. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 26-cv-10278-BEM (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 Ethiopia with an original expiration date of June 12, 2024 and Dec. 12, 2025 is extended per court order. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 26-cv-10278-BEM (D. Mass.).

When completing the Expiration Date (if any) fields on Form I-9, input "as per court order" in Section 1 and "April 8, 2026" in Section 2 along with a note in the additional information box. Employers may download the Alert and TPS Ethiopia webpages and attach them to the Form I-9. Check back to USCIS websites regularly for updated information. When completing a case in E-Verify, enter the expiration date of "April 8, 2026" from the Form I-9. Check back to USCIS websites regularly for updated information.

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