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Update on Termination of Temporary Protected Status for South Sudan

The TPS designation of South Sudan and related benefits was set to terminate on Jan. 5, 2026. However, on Dec. 20, 2025, the U.S. District Court 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. Refer to the EAD Extension dropdown on the [TPS South Sudan](#) 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SAVE will verify if an alien has received an approval for TPS that has not been withdrawn using information from any TPS-related document, such as a Form I-797, Approval Notice, or Form I-797C, Notice of Action.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 “April 10, 2026”; and
- DHS Comments “TPS and employment authorization are extended per court order. Please check the USCIS [TPS South Sudan](#) page 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](#) page regularly for updates. You may also subscribe to regular updates for SAVE using GovDelivery.

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