

TPS Protections For Somalis Ends

After Americans have faced serious concerns involving national security, immigration fraud, organized crime, political conflict, and exploitation by some foreign nationals, we believe that the federal government must enforce immigration laws consistently. These acts should never be attributed to every immigrant or every Somali person. However, credible cases involving individual offenders should be investigated and prosecuted without favoritism.

Although we recognize that Somali TPS holders and their families may experience serious consequences from this decision, Temporary Protected Status is a temporary humanitarian protection established by federal law. It is not a visa or a permanent immigration status. DHS must periodically review the conditions in each designated country and determine whether the statutory requirements for TPS continue to be met. A country's designation may legally be extended when those conditions remain, or terminated when DHS determines that they no longer meet the statutory requirements.

The Department of Homeland Security decided to terminate Somalia's TPS designation after reviewing the country's conditions and consulting with other federal agencies. The termination was challenged in court and temporarily blocked. A federal judge subsequently lifted that block after a Supreme Court decision limited judicial review of certain TPS determinations, allowing the termination to take effect on August 14, 2026. The judge's ruling allowed DHS to implement its decision; it did not independently establish that every policy justification offered by the administration was factually correct.

Ending Somalia's TPS designation does not mean that all Somali Americans or all Somalis living in the United States are subject to removal. The decision directly concerns eligible noncitizens who relied upon Somalia's TPS designation. Some affected individuals may have another lawful status or may qualify to pursue a different form of immigration relief.

Ultimately, we place American safety, equal enforcement, and the integrity of our immigration system among our highest priorities. We support applying the same statutory standards to every country.. If DHS determines through the legally required review that a country no longer meets the conditions for TPS, we believe it is reasonable to end that designation while allowing every affected person the legal process and individual consideration provided under federal law.

Sources: [USCIS Somalia TPS information](#), [Department of Justice TPS notices](#), [Reuters report on the court ruling](#)

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