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DHS Designates Ethiopia for Temporary Protected Status

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the designation of Ethiopia for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months. Only individuals who were already continuously residing in the United States as of October 20, 2022, will be eligible for TPS.

This is the first TPS designation for Ethiopia. The 18-month designation will be effective on the publication date of the forthcoming Federal Register notice, which will provide instructions for applying for TPS and work authorization. TPS applicants must meet all eligibility requirements and undergo security and background checks.