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Good day IRCC Immigration Representatives,

I appreciate your response regarding the assessment of individual documents for immigration purposes. I understood your [redacted] that [redacted] eligibility [redacted] the [redacted] officer. [redacted] to follow up with this request and make it completely policy oriented questions:

I am seeking general clarification on the policy framework IRCC uses to determine whether a Temporary Protection Status (TPS) document meets the Federal Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP) requirements.

Given that various countries issue different types of temporary protection documents to displaced persons, I would like to understand IRCC's general requirements for a document to qualify as an acceptable Temporary Protection Status (TPS) document under the Federal [redacted]

**Definition and Criteria:**

1. Can IRCC clarify what essential characteristics a document must have to be considered a Temporary Protection Status (TPS) document for the purposes of Federal EMPP eligibility?

2. Does IRCC recognize the UNHCR's description of what a document does when assessing its validity as a TPS document? For example, if a UNHCR report states that a specific document provides protection from refoulement, temporary relief from deportation, or another form of humanitarian protection, does IRCC take this into account in determining whether the document meets the TPS criteria?

3. Does the document need to explicitly state that it grants protection from refoulement, or are there alternative criteria that IRCC considers when determining if a document serves this purpose?

**Country-Specific Variability:**

4. Given that countries issue TPS documents differently, does IRCC maintain any internal reference list or guiding framework for officers to assess TPS documents from specific regions? If so, can we access it?

5. If no such framework exists, what guidance can be provided to ensure representatives submit documents that align with IRCC's eligibility expectations for Federal EMPP?

**Procedural Considerations for Assessing a TPS Document:**

I am seeking clarification on the procedural framework for assessing an application that includes an explanation letter and supporting documents to substantiate that a submitted document fulfills the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) document requirement. My understanding is that when such an application is submitted, it should normally proceed to processing, and the validity of the claimed TPS document should be assessed during the eligibility review stage rather than at the completeness check stage.

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If an officer later determines that the submitted document does not meet TPS requirements, they would provide a rationale for this finding and offer the applicant an opportunity to make further submissions before a final determination is made. At the initial stage of assessment, the application should only be evaluated against completeness requirements as per section 10 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR) or other relevant provisions.

Can IRCC confirm whether this understanding aligns with its processing procedures? If not, could you clarify at what stage of review a TPS document's validity is assessed and whether applicants are given an opportunity to respond before a decision is made?

[redacted] I apologize for my long email.

Sincerely,

On Sat, 8 Feb 2025 at 1:10 AM Immigration wrote:

Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

**Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance.. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the** IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question:

Please note that we do not provide guidance on or assessment of individual documents for immigration program eligibility purposes. Any required document submitted with an application to IRCC will be assessed by an officer on a case-by-case basis considering the particular circumstances in conjunction with the supporting information available to the officer. The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements of the program they are applying to.

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**The Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

**De :**
**Envoyé :** 5 février 2025 04:31
**À :** Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
**Objet :** Temporary Protection Document for Federal EMPP - Iran

Good day IRCC,

I would like to ask about acceptable documents for meeting the eligibility criteria for Federal EMPP program. My question is regarding the temporary protection document which should accompany the durable solutions form. It is unclear as to which documents would be considered a temporary protection document. From my previous communication with you, I got to know that a TPS document is issued to populations of displaced persons as part of a humanitarian response to a large-scale crisis or disaster. Such documents are typically issued to address the protection needs of individuals fleeing conflict, providing them with temporary protection and safeguarding them from refoulement. I attached a document that is normally issued to Afghan nationals in Iran. According to the UNHCR report, Iranian government issued this document in response to a humanitarian situation of Afghans in Afghanistan and to provide temporary relief from refoulment. Please see attached UNHCR reports that we found online.

Given this understanding, I have the following specific questions:

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1. 1. Would this document qualify as an acceptable temporary protection status document in the context of Federal EMPP program?

2. 2. If not, could IRCC explain the rationale behind its finding? I am trying to understand the metrics IRCC uses to determine if a particular document would be acceptable or not acceptable as a TPS document. This would help me in determining the acceptability of potential TPS documents from other countries in the future.

I have redacted the personal information of applicants to avoid making this a case specific inquiry. The answer to the above question would potentially help those in need of protection in Iran.

[redacted] with this.