



# Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act 2024

## 2024 CHAPTER 8

### 2 Safety of the Republic of Rwanda

- (1) Every decision-maker must conclusively treat the Republic of Rwanda as a safe country.
- (2) A decision-maker means—
  - (a) the Secretary of State or an immigration officer when making a decision relating to the removal of a person to the Republic of Rwanda under any provision of, or made under, the Immigration Acts;
  - (b) a court or tribunal when considering a decision of the Secretary of State or an immigration officer mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (3) As a result of subsection (1), a court or tribunal must not consider a review of, or an appeal against, a decision of the Secretary of State or an immigration officer relating to the removal of a person to the Republic of Rwanda to the extent that the review or appeal is brought on the grounds that the Republic of Rwanda is not a safe country.
- (4) In particular, a court or tribunal must not consider—
  - (a) any claim or complaint that the Republic of Rwanda will or may remove or send a person to another State in contravention of any of its international obligations, including in particular its obligations under the Refugee Convention,
  - (b) any claim or complaint that a person will not receive fair and proper consideration of an asylum, or other similar, claim in the Republic of Rwanda, or
  - (c) any claim or complaint that the Republic of Rwanda will not act in accordance with the Rwanda Treaty.
- (5) Subsections (3) and (4) apply notwithstanding—
  - (a) any provision made by or under the Immigration Acts,
  - (b) the Human Rights Act 1998, to the extent disapplied by section 3 (disapplication of the Human Rights Act 1998),

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- (c) any other provision or rule of domestic law (including any common law), and
- (d) any interpretation of international law by the court or tribunal.