
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 61

The Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

PART 2

Appeals in respect of citizens' rights immigration decisions

CHAPTER 3

Procedural matters and certification

National security decisions: place from which an appeal may be brought or continued, certification of removal etc.

15.—(1) This regulation applies where the Secretary of State certifies, under paragraph 1 or 2 of Schedule 1, that an appealable decision in relation to a person (“P”) was taken in the interests of national security. Such a decision is referred to in this regulation as a “national security decision”.

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(3) P, while in the United Kingdom, may not bring or continue an appeal under these Regulations against the national security decision unless P has made a human rights claim while in the United Kingdom.

(4) Paragraph (3) does not allow P while in the United Kingdom to bring or continue an appeal under these Regulations if the Secretary of State certifies that removal of P—

- (a) to the country or territory to which P is proposed to be removed, and
- (b) despite the appeals process in relation to the national security decision not having been begun or not having been exhausted,

would not be unlawful under section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998.

(5) The grounds upon which a certificate may be given under paragraph (4) include (in particular)

- (a) that P would not, before the appeals process in relation to the national security decision is exhausted, face a real risk of serious irreversible harm if removed to the country or territory to which P is proposed to be removed;
- (b) that the whole or part of any human rights claim made by P is clearly unfounded.

(6) If a certificate in respect of P is given under paragraph (4), P may not be removed from, or required to leave, the United Kingdom in accordance with a provision of the Immigration Acts ^{M1} before the end of the relevant period except—

- (a) in a duly substantiated case of urgency,
- (b) where P is detained pursuant to the sentence or order of any court, or
- (c) where P has entered the United Kingdom and are removable as an illegal entrant under Schedule 2 to the 1971 Act.

But those exceptions do not apply at any time when the removal of P is prohibited by a direction given under paragraph (10) by the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (“the Commission”).

(7) P may make an application to the Commission to set aside the certificate.

(8) If P makes an application under paragraph (7) then the Commission, in determining whether the certificate should be set aside, must apply the principles that would be applied in judicial review proceedings.

(9) The Commission's determination of a review under paragraph (7) is final.

(10) Where P has made and not withdrawn an application under paragraph (7), the Commission may direct that P is not to be removed from the United Kingdom at a time when the review has not been finally determined by the Commission.

(11) Sections 5 and 6 of the 1997 Act apply in relation to reviews under paragraph (7) (and to applicants for such reviews) as they apply in relation to appeals under section 2 or 2B of that Act (and to persons bringing such appeals).

(12) Any exercise of the power to make rules under section 5 of that Act in relation to reviews under paragraph (7) is to be made with a view to securing that proceedings on such reviews are handled expeditiously.

(13) For the purposes of this regulation—

“human rights claim” has the meaning given in section 113(1) of the 2002 Act;

“relevant period” means the period of one month beginning with the day on which P is notified of the decision to remove them.

Textual Amendments

F1 [Reg. 15\(2\)](#) omitted (8.5.2023) by virtue of [The Immigration \(Citizens' Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/441\)](#), regs. 1(2), 5

Commencement Information

I1 [Reg. 15](#) in force at 31.1.2020 on exit day, see reg. 1(2) and [2018 c. 16, s. 20\(1\)-\(5\)](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 See the definition of “the Immigration Acts” in Schedule 1 to the [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\)](#).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, Section 15.