

IN THE UPPER TRIBUNAL IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM CHAMBER

Case No: UI-2023-001723
On appeal from: EA/12112/2022

THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

Decision & Reasons Issued: On the 09 November 2023

Before

UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE GLEESON

Between

MUNAWAR BIBI (NO ANONYMITY ORDER MADE)

and

<u>Appellant</u>

THE ENTRY CLEARANCE OFFICER

Respondent

DECISION AND REASONS

Introduction

- 1. The appellant has permission to appeal the decision of the First-tier Tribunal dismissing her appeal against the respondent's decision on 3 November 2022 to refuse her application for an EUSS family permit as the family member of a relevant EEA or Swiss citizen, in this case her daughter in law, who is a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany with EUSS settled status in the UK. The appellant is a Pakistani citizen.
- 2. For the reasons set out in this decision, I have come to the conclusion that the appellant's appeal should be allowed, and that no further oral hearing is required.

Background

- 3. First-tier Judge Kelly dismissed the appeal principally because he did not accept that the appellant was dependent on her EEA sponsor as asserted.
- 4. Permission to appeal to the Upper Tribunal was granted by First-tier Judge Athwal for the following reasons:

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"2. The grounds assert that the Judge erred in his interpretation of the requirements under FP6(1) Appendix EU- there is no requirement for the appellant to be dependent upon the sponsor before the specified date. Furthermore the Judge did not apply the correct test.

- 3. It is arguable that the Judge's interpretation of Appendix EU (FP) is not correct. Pursuant to Annex 1 definition of a dependent parent, where the application is made before 1 July 2021 dependency was assumed. After that date, dependency at the date of application has to be proved.
- 4. The grounds of appeal raise an arguable error of law."
- 5. The appeal came before UTJ Perkins for listing directions. On 13 June 2023, he directed a Rule 24 Reply:

"No later than 14 days after this Memorandum and Directions is received the Respondent is directed to serve on the Tribunal a written Response to the Notice of Appeal."

- 6. On 13 July 2023, out of time, the respondent said this:
 - "...2. The respondent accepts that First-tier Tribunal Judge Kelly has materially erred in law, in the decision and reasons promulgated on 23rd March 2023.
 - 3. As noted by First-tier Tribunal Judge Athwal in the grant of permission to appeal dated 15th May 2023, pursuant to the definition of 'dependent parent' set out in Annex 1 to <u>Appendix EU</u> of the Immigration Rules, dependency in the present case is assumed to have existed both at the relevant date and at the date of application.
 - 4. The FTT's findings at [6] are inconsistent with this. It follows that Judge Kelly's decision should be set aside with no findings preserved."
- 7. That is the basis on which this appeal has been referred to me.

Conclusions

- 8. The only live issue before the First-tier Judge was whether the appellant was a dependent parent as required by Appendix EU. The appellant is a dependent parent as defined in Annex 1 because she is
 - "(a) the direct relative in the ascending line of a relevant EEA citizen (or, as the case may be, of a qualifying British citizen or of a relevant sponsor) or of their spouse or civil partner;..."
- 9. The respondent has conceded that under Appendix EU, on the facts of this appeal, dependency is presumed to have existed at all material times.
- 10. That being the sole question in issue, the decision in this appeal can be remade on the facts already found and conceded, without the need for a further oral hearing.

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Notice of Decision

11. For the foregoing reasons, my decision is as follows:

The making of the previous decision involved the making of an error on a point of law.

I set aside the previous decision. I remake the decision by allowing the appeal.

Judith A J C Gleeson

Judge of the Upper Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber

Dated: 6 November 2023