

Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

Appeal Number: IA/47388/2013

THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

Heard at Field House

On 3 September 2014

Determination Promulgated On 8 September 2014

Before

DEPUTY UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE DAVEY

Between

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Appellant

and

ILIA KROJ

Respondent

Representation:

For the Appellant: Mr G Jack, Senior Presenting Officer

For the Respondent: No appearance

DETERMINATION AND REASONS

1. In this determination the Secretary of State is referred to as the Secretary of State and the Respondent is referred as the Claimant.

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2. The Claimant, a national of Albania, date of birth 13 May 1977, appealed against the Respondent's decision dated 30 October 2013 to refuse to issue a permanent residence permit under Regulation 15(1)(b) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Regulations). Refusal was on the basis that the Claimant had not adduced sufficient evidence to show that his EEA national Sponsor had for the purposes of the 2006 Regulations, exercised treaty rights as a qualified person because the Claimant's Sponsor did not have comprehensive medical insurance to cover the period of time required under the Regulations.

- 3. An appeal against that decision by the Claimant led to the matter being heard by First-tier Tribunal Judge N Paul who, on 22 April 2014, promulgated a decision whereby he allowed the appeal under the EEA Regulations 2006.
- 4. The Secretary of State appealed against that decision and permission to appeal was given by First-tier Tribunal Judge Foudy on 29 May 2014.
- 5. By a letter dated 2 February 2014 the claimant's representatives, Kilby Jones, wrote to the Tribunal in connection with the intended hearing today, 3 September 2014, to indicate that "... the Appellant concedes the appeal in this instance in view of the findings in the recent case of Ahmad v SSHD [2014] EWCA Civ 988 (16 July 2014)." In the light of that they indicated that the Claimant and his representatives would not be attending the hearing today. Standard directions had in fact been sent out in connection with this matter on 12 June 2014 and no additional documentation had been forthcoming from either party.
- 6. In the circumstances I agree with the Respondent that the judge's reasoning does not properly address the issue of the necessary comprehensive private medical insurance and the fact that in the absence

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of such evidence the appeal could not succeed, contrary to what the judge

had concluded by reason of later arising events.

7. I find the original Tribunal's decision cannot stand and the decision will

have to be remade. I considered whether or not it was necessary or

appropriate for the case to be adjourned for a resumed hearing or, in the

alternative, remitted to the First-tier Tribunal to be remade. In the

absence of the evidence required to show that the EEA national did have

the required insurance cover, which has not been improved upon or added

to by events since the date of the judge's decision, I find that there is no

purpose served in having a resumed hearing or remitting this matter to

the First-tier Tribunal.

8. The fact s that the Claimant's Sponsor did not have the necessary

comprehensive medical insurance for the duration of her time spent in the

UK as a student. Accordingly the fact that the EEA national obtained

cover between 17 February 2014 and 1 April 2014 simply demonstrates

that the appeal would in those circumstances have failed in any event. Be

that as it may, I find that the Claimant has not discharged the burden of

proof upon a balance of probabilities at either the date of application or

the date of decision that the requirements of the Rules had been met. . .

9. The appeal of Mr Ilia Kroj on immigration grounds is dismissed.

10. No anonymity order was previously made nor is one appropriate or

necessary.

11. The appeal has failed and therefore a fee award in those circumstances

has not been made.

Signed

Date 6 September 2014

Deputy Upper Tribunal Judge Davey

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