



Upper Tribunal
(Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

Appeal Number: EA/01924/2016

THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

At Field House
On 15 June 2018

Decision & Reasons Promulgated
On 20 June 2018

Before

UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE O'CONNOR

Between

MATTY SANNEH
(ANONYMITY DIRECTION NOT MADE)

Appellant

and

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Respondent

DECISION AND REASONS

Introduction

1. The appellant is a national of Gambia born on 05.06.1980. She made an application to the Secretary of State for an EEA residence card. The application was refused in a decision dated 28.01.2016, for reasons that I need not set out herein.

Decision of the First-tier Tribunal

2. The appellant lodged an appeal to the First-tier Tribunal. That appeal came before Designated Judge of the First-tier Tribunal Garratt, who concluded in a decision sent on 05.01.2017, that there was no valid appeal. No findings were made in relation to the substance of the appeal. The Judge's conclusion was informed by the guidance given by this Tribunal in Sala [2016] UKUT 00411.

3. The appellant appealed such decision to the Upper Tribunal and Designated First-tier Tribunal Judge Manuell granted permission in a decision sent on 07.06.2018. Thus, the matter comes before me.

Discussion

4. The Court of Appeal has now given consideration to the very issue in play in the instant case - see Khan v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2017] EWCA Civ 1755. The Court concluded that the Upper Tribunal had been wrong in its conclusion and rationale in Sala. It is not in dispute that the effect of the decision in Khan, if applied to this case, is that the First-tier Tribunal was wrong to conclude that it did not have jurisdiction in this appeal.
5. For this reason, I set aside the decision of the First-tier Tribunal and remit the appeal back to the First-tier Tribunal to be heard afresh.

Decision

The decision of the First-tier Tribunal is set aside.

The appeal is remitted to the First-tier Tribunal.

Signed:

Dated: 15.06.2018



Upper Tribunal Judge O'Connor