

Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) EA/08791/2016

Appeal Number:

THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

Heard at Field House On 18 April 2018 Decision & Reasons Promulgated On 27 April 2018

Before

UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE O'CONNOR

Between

ANGELICA YAA KUMAH

(ANONYMITY DIRECTION NOT MADE)

Appellant

and

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT Respondent

DECISION AND REASONS

Introduction

1. The appellant is a citizen of Ghana, born 2 December 1957. She made an application to the Secretary of State for an EEA residence card. The application was refused in a decision served on 19 April 2016, for reasons that I need not need to set out herein.

Decision of the First-tier Tribunal

2. The appellant lodged an appeal before the FtT. That appeal came before FtT Judge Cockrill, who concluded in a decision dated 11 August 2017, that the FtT did not have jurisdiction to determine the 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 <u>Sala</u> [2016] UKUT 00411.

3. The appellant appealed such decision to the Upper Tribunal and FtT Judge Haria granted permission.

Directions by Upper Tribunal

- 4. In a notice of decision dated 19 February 2018 UT Judge Reeds indicated that the Upper Tribunal was minded to find an error of law, set aside the decision of the First-tier Tribunal and remit the case to the First-tier Tribunal. If either of the parties was opposed to this course they were directed to inform the Tribunal in writing (giving reasons), not later than 7 days from the date the Directions were issued. Following that period, the parties were informed that the Upper Tribunal would issue its decision.
- 5. The Upper Tribunal has not received any correspondence from either party within the stipulated timeframe.

Discussion

- 6. The Court of Appeal has now given consideration to the very issue in play in the instant case - see <u>Khan v Secretary of State for the Home</u> <u>Department</u> [2017] EWCA Civ 1755. The Court concluded that the Upper Tribunal had been wrong in its conclusion and rationale in <u>Sala</u>. It is not in dispute that the effect of the decision in <u>Khan</u>, if applied to this case, is that the First-tier Tribunal was wrong to conclude that it did not have jurisdiction in this appeal.
- 7. 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:

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Dated: 18th April 2018

Upper Tribunal Judge O'Connor