

Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

Appeal Number: EA/50732/2021 UI-2022-000568; IA/04209/2021

THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

Heard at Field House On 14 October 2022 Decision & Reasons Promulgated On 23 November 2022

Before

UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE FRANCES

Between

MANUEL GONCALVES

Appellant

and

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Respondent

Representation:

For the Appellant: Mr A Steadman, instructed by Deo Volente Solicitors For the Respondent: Mr S Walker, Senior Home Office Presenting Officer

DECISION AND REASONS

- 1. The appellant is a citizen of Timor Leste born in December 1992 who arrived in the UK as a visitor in June 2019. On 29 December 2020, he applied for a residence card as the extended family member of his brother Pedro Ximenes Goncalves, a Portuguese citizen, under the Immigration (EEA) Regulations 2016. His application was refused on 18 March 2021 and his appeal was dismissed by First-tier Tribunal Judge F E Robinson in a decision promulgated on the 9 February 2022.
- 2. Permission to appeal was granted by First-tier Tribunal Judge Connal on 14 March 2022 on the basis that it was arguable Judge Robinson had erred in

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law in refusing to admit late evidence, or adjourn the hearing so that that the evidence could be considered, as it went to past dependency which was a pivotal issue in the appeal. Permission was granted on all grounds.

- 3. Upper Tribunal Judge Lindsley found there was an error of law in the decision of the First-tier Tribunal for the reasons given in her decision promulgated on 23 May 2022. She set aside the decision dismissing the appeal, preserving the findings at [33] to [37], and adjourned the appeal for re-hearing before the Upper Tribunal.
- 4. The issue before me was whether the appellant was dependent on his brother or a member of his brother's household before he came to the UK. I considered the appellant's consolidated bundle of 274 pages and the oral evidence of the appellant, his brother, his uncle and his friend.
- 5. Mr Walker did not challenge the appellant's evidence and conceded the appeal. I find the appellant has shown on the balance of probabilities that he was dependant on his brother prior to coming to the UK under regulation 8 of the Immigration (EEA) Regulations 2016. I allow his appeal under the Immigration (EEA) Regulations 2016.

Notice of Decision

Appeal allowed.

J Frances

Signed Date: 14 October 2022 Upper Tribunal Judge Frances

TO THE RESPONDENT FEE AWARD

I make no fee award because the appellant produced further evidence postapplication on the day before the hearing before the First-tier Tribunal.

J Frances

NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL RIGHTS	
Signed Upper Tribunal Judge Frances	Date: 14 October 2022

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1. A person seeking permission to appeal against this decision must make a written application to the Upper Tribunal. Any such application must be **received** by the Upper Tribunal within the **appropriate period** after this decision was **sent** to the person making the application. The appropriate period varies, as follows, according to the location of the individual and the way in which the Upper Tribunal's decision was sent:

- 2. Where the person who appealed to the First-tier Tribunal is **in the United Kingdom** at the time that the application for permission to appeal is made, and is not in detention under the Immigration Acts, the appropriate period is **12 working days** (**10 working days**, **if the notice of decision is sent electronically**).
- 3. Where the person making the application is <u>in detention</u> under the Immigration Acts, the appropriate period is 7 working days (5 working days, if the notice of decision is sent electronically).
- 4. Where the person who appealed to the First-tier Tribunal is **outside the United Kingdom** at the time that the application for permission to appeal is made, the appropriate period is **38** days (10 working days, if the notice of decision is sent electronically).
- 5. A "working day" means any day except a Saturday or a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday.
- 6. The date when the decision is "sent' is that appearing on the covering letter or covering email.