

Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

At Field House on the papers

On 18 September 2018

Decision & Reasons Promulgated On 17 October 2018

Appeal Number: EA/12352/2016

Before

UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE O'CONNOR

Between

MUHAMMAD AKMAL MUGHAL (ANONYMITY DIRECTION NOT MADE)

and

Appellant

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Respondent

DIRECTIONS AND DECISION

Introduction

1. The appellant is a citizen of Pakistan born on 15 April 1978. He made an application to the Secretary of State for an EEA residence card. The application was refused in a decision dated 15 September 2016, for reasons that I need not set out herein.

Decision of the First-tier Tribunal

2. The appellant lodged an appeal before the First-tier Tribunal. That appeal came before FtT Judge S Taylor, who concluded in a decision sent on 26 September 2017, that the First-tier Tribunal did not have jurisdiction to determine the appeal. No findings were made in relation to the substance

- of his 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 Lambert granted permission in a decision sent on 15 August 2018. Thus, the matter comes before me.

Discussion and Decision

- 4. In the light of <u>Khan v Secretary of State for the Home 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 these appeals.
- 5. The Upper Tribunal is 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.
- 6. A party who is opposed to this course is directed to inform the Upper Tribunal in writing (giving reasons), not later than 7 days from the date this decision is sent by the Upper Tribunal.
- 7. If no party files any objections within this period, the decision of the First-tier Tribunal will be set aside and the appeal remitted back to the First-tier Tribunal to be heard afresh.

Dated: 18 September

Signed: 2018

Upper Tribunal Judge O'Connor