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Facilitate the transfer of asylum seekers to the safe country nearest their country of origin.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Transfer of asylum seekers to the safe country nearest their country of origin

- (1) The Secretary of State must make provision in regulations for any foreign national claiming asylum in the United Kingdom to be transferred to the safe country nearest their country of origin.
- (2) Regulations shall provide for the transfer of an individual under subsection (1) from the United Kingdom, where this is not already provided for in law. 5
- (3) Regulations under this section shall be—
- (a) made by statutory instrument, and
- (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of either House of Parliament. 10
- (4) In this section—
- “asylum seeker” shall mean a person who claims that to remove him from or require him to leave the United Kingdom would breach the United Kingdom’s obligations under the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees done at Geneva on 28 July 1951 and its Protocol. 15
- “safe country” shall mean a country included in Schedule 3 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants etc.) Act 2004.

2 Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Asylum Seekers (Return to Nearest Safe Country) Act 2013. 20
- (2) This Act comes into force on whatever day the Secretary of State appoints by order made by statutory instrument.

Asylum Seekers (Return to Nearest Safe Country) Bill

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supported by
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