

# Asylum Seekers (Return to Safe Countries) Bill

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**B**E 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 Return of asylum seekers to safe country**

- (1) The Secretary of State must make provision in regulations for any foreign national who has arrived in the United Kingdom from a safe country and has claimed asylum in the United Kingdom to be immediately transferred to that safe country (regardless of whether that safe country was the start of the journey). 5
- (2) Regulations shall provide for the transfer of a foreign national under subsection (1) from the United Kingdom, where this is not already provided for in law.
- (3) Regulations under this section shall be—
  - (a) shall be made by statutory instrument, and 10
  - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) In this section—
  - “asylum seeker” means 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” means a country included in Schedule 3 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants etc.) Act 2004.

## **2 Extent, commencement and short title** 20

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on whatever day the Secretary of State appoints by order made by statutory instrument.

- (3) This Act may be cited as the Asylum Seekers (Return to Safe Countries) Act 2021.



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*Presented by Mr Peter Bone*

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