



Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 41

[^{F1}PART 5A

ARTICLE 8 OF THE ECHR: PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS

[^{F1}117C Article 8: additional considerations in cases involving foreign criminals

- (1) The deportation of foreign criminals is in the public interest.
- (2) The more serious the offence committed by a foreign criminal, the greater is the public interest in deportation of the criminal.
- (3) In the case of a foreign criminal (“C”) who has not been sentenced to a period of imprisonment of four years or more, the public interest requires C's deportation unless Exception 1 or Exception 2 applies.
- (4) Exception 1 applies where—
 - (a) C has been lawfully resident in the United Kingdom for most of C's life,
 - (b) C is socially and culturally integrated in the United Kingdom, and
 - (c) there would be very significant obstacles to C's integration into the country to which C is proposed to be deported.
- (5) Exception 2 applies where C has a genuine and subsisting relationship with a qualifying partner, or a genuine and subsisting parental relationship with a qualifying child, and the effect of C's deportation on the partner or child would be unduly harsh.
- (6) In the case of a foreign criminal who has been sentenced to a period of imprisonment of at least four years, the public interest requires deportation unless there are very compelling circumstances, over and above those described in Exceptions 1 and 2.
- (7) The considerations in subsections (1) to (6) are to be taken into account where a court or tribunal is considering a decision to deport a foreign criminal only to the extent

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that the reason for the decision was the offence or offences for which the criminal has been convicted.]

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- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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- Sch. 3 para. 10A10B inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 10](#) (This Act is amended by S.I. 2020/1309, Sch. 1 para. 3(c))
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