By Government Decree SM/2026/87 adopted in Plenary session on 19 November 2026, the government established the first list of safe countries of origin. The designated safe countries of origin are: Algeria, Australia, Ghana, Iceland, Japan, Canada, Liechtenstein, Nepal, Norway, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and New Zealand. The list complements the one adopted at the EU level and intends to ensure a speedy processing of asylum applications.

The decree enters into force on 20 November 2026. Previously, Finland applied the concept on a case-by-case basis, but with this decree it follows the provisions of the Pact.

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