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Arrivals from Iraq, Somalia and Syria plummeted, making up 1% of less of total arrivals each in FY18.

## Refugee admissions from countries requiring additional security clearance slow to a trickle

Security Advisory Opinions (SAOs) are an additional security mechanism to screen refugees through a multi-agency process above and beyond the standard security vetting for refugees.<sup>2</sup> In October 2017, the Administration expanded automatic SAO clearance requirements for certain demographic profiles from 11 countries, 9 of which are Muslim majority, plus stateless refugees.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, fewer refugees and younger refugees from these countries