

Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning  
the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents

CHAPTER I

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 1*

**Subject matter**

This Directive determines:

- (a) the terms for conferring and withdrawing long-term resident status granted by a Member State in relation to third-country nationals legally residing in its territory, and the rights pertaining thereto; and
- (b) the terms of residence in Member States other than the one which conferred long-term status on them for third-country nationals enjoying that status.