

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 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Directive:

- (a) ‘third-country national’ means any person who is not a citizen of the Union within the meaning of Article 17(1) of the Treaty;
- (b) ‘long-term resident’ means any third-country national who has long-term resident status as provided for under Articles 4 to 7;
- (c) ‘first Member State’ means the Member State which for the first time granted long-term resident status to a third-country national;
- (d) ‘second Member State’ means any Member State other than the one which for the first time granted long-term resident status to a third-country national and in which that long-term resident exercises the right of residence;
- (e) ‘family members’ means the third-country nationals who reside in the Member State concerned in accordance with Council Directive 2003/86/EC of 22 September 2003 on the right to family reunification⁽¹⁾;
- (f) ‘^{F1}international protection’ means international protection as defined in Article 2(a) of Council Directive 2004/83/EC of 29 April 2004 on minimum standards for the qualification and status of third-country nationals or stateless persons as refugees or as persons who otherwise need international protection and the content of the protection granted⁽²⁾;
- (g) ‘long-term resident's EC residence permit’ means a residence permit issued by the Member State concerned upon the acquisition of long-term resident status.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Directive 2011/51/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2011 amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

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- (1) [OJ L 251, 3.10.2003, p. 12.](#)
- (2) [^{F1}[OJ L 304, 30.9.2004, p. 12.](#)]

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