

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

CHAPTER II

**LONG-TERM RESIDENT STATUS IN A MEMBER STATE**

*Article 6*

**Public policy and public security**

1 Member States may refuse to grant long-term resident status on grounds of public policy or public security.

When taking the relevant decision, the Member State shall consider the severity or type of offence against public policy or public security, or the danger that emanates from the person concerned, while also having proper regard to the duration of residence and to the existence of links with the country of residence.

2 The refusal referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be founded on economic considerations.