

## **IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION**

### **Release of version 3.51.029.204, 01 July 2008**

We are pleased to announce the release of a new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software - version **3.51.029.204** of 01 July 2008.

The new version, "build 204", is available for download (approx. 67MB) from the PCT-SAFE web site at [http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download\\_client.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.htm). Please note: you may need to **Refresh/Reload** the download page in your internet browser in order to see the link to the latest download file.

At peak periods downloading may be slow due to server capacity constraints, therefore please try to download when less internet activity can be expected.

#### **The new version includes the following:**

1. Modifications to the request form to reflect the July 2008 changes to the PCT Rules, in particular:
  - the possibility to request the International Searching Authority (ISA) to take into consideration the results of an earlier search carried out by a different ISA, or national or regional Office;
  - the possibility for applicants to authorize the various PCT Offices and Authorities, if the Office or Authority concerned so wishes, to send advance copies of notifications to the e-mail address provided for this purpose;
  - the possibility, for international applications filed in fully electronic form, of submitting the application documents also in the pre-conversion format, together with the corresponding statement on the request form, following the amendment of Section 706 of the PCT Administrative Instructions:
    - corresponding modifications to the PCT-SAFE xml data.
2. New Contracting State: Sao Tomé and Príncipe (ST) (03 July 2008)
3. Updated fee schedules. These include:
  - new international filing fee amounts;
  - the increase of the international filing fee reduction for applicants from certain States from 75% to 90%:
    - the application of that fee reduction to nine more States (AE United Arab Emirates, AG Antigua and Barbuda, BH Bahrain, BB Barbados, LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, OM Oman, SC Seychelles, SG Singapore, TT Trinidad and Tobago; and
    - the addition of a new fee type 'earlier search'.
4. Other minor functionality and graphic user interface enhancements.
5. Other PCT updates.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION:**

Due to some delays in the implementation of the July 2008 Rule changes, it has not yet been possible to make the technical modifications required for the acceptance of the 01 July 2008 request form on the receiving Office server at the following receiving Offices: AU, CN, DE, DK, EP, ES, FI, GB, JP, KR, MY, NL, PH, PL, RO, SE and SK. This means that, if one of these receiving Offices (ROs) is selected, this version of the PCT-SAFE client will not produce the July 2008 request form (i.e. features listed under item 1. above), neither for PCT-EASY type filings nor for fully electronic filings (in the case of JP for fully electronic filings only). For further details see the Notice at <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe>.

## **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Before installing version 3.51.029.204 we would advise you to read the release notes to ensure that you have the minimum software and hardware requirements, and in order to note the known issues of this version. This is a full installation for the PCT-SAFE Client; no previous version is required.

This version may also be used to upgrade a previous version of the PCT-SAFE Client. To do so please proceed as follows:

1. Download the installation file pct-safe-3.51.029-bin.exe;
2. **Export any form or address book data to a folder outside the C:\PCT-SAFE folder as a backup** (guidelines on the export/import functionality can be found at [http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user\\_documentation.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm));
3. Ensure that PCT-SAFE is not running;
4. Run the pct-safe-3.51.029-bin.exe from the local drive, using the same installation destination directory (C:\PCT-SAFE) as the previous installation;
5. The previous installation will be overwritten;
6. During the installation, when prompted, accept the update of the demo and production databases;
7. During the installation, when prompted, 'overwrite all' existing fee schedules;
8. At the end of the installation restart the computer.

Please note: to reduce possible problems with the installation process, it is strongly recommended NOT to rename the downloaded installation file.

### **Access rights for installation and operation**

For the installation of the PCT-SAFE Client local administrator rights are required. After installation no special access rights are required for using the software.

Yours sincerely,

The PCT-SAFE team.

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