

PCT-SAFE Client Software
version 3.51.028.203 – 01 April 2008
Release Notes

This document contains information and known issues with the version 3.51.028.203 of the PCT-SAFE client software. Please e-mail questions or comments relating to this version of the PCT-SAFE client, or to these release notes, to pctsafe.help@wipo.int.

Version 3.51.028.203 is a full installation for the PCT-SAFE Client. No previous version is required. This version may also be used to upgrade previous versions of the PCT-SAFE Client. Refer to sections 'Upgrade Instructions', 'Determine current version of installed PCT-SAFE Client software' and 'Access rights for installation and operation' of this document for further details.

Minimum Requirements:

System requirements

- (1) Computer processor: Celeron 600MHz
- (2) Available hard disk space: 1Gb
- (3) RAM: 256 Mb
- (4) Internet connection (for the transmission of PCT-SAFE filings on-line)
- (5) Adobe Acrobat or Acrobat Reader, version 5.x or higher
- (6) CD-ROM drive (for CD installation)
- (7) Floppy disk drive: 3 1/2 inch disk drive (for PCT-EASY type applications or, if accepted by the RO, fully electronic applications)
- (8) CD or DVD writer and software (for fully electronic PCT-SAFE applications filed on physical medium and for saving PCT-EASY request form data and abstract, if accepted by the receiving Office)

The software will run on the following operating systems:

- (1) Microsoft Windows® NT 4.0
- (2) Microsoft Windows® 2000
- (3) Microsoft Windows® XP
- (4) Microsoft Windows® Vista

In order to sign and transmit fully electronic packages on-line, you will need a digital certificate. Depending on the type of certificate used, a SmartCard reader and the corresponding software may be necessary. To obtain a digital certificate from the WIPO Customer Certification Authority, in which case no additional hardware or software is required, follow the instructions on our web site: <http://wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm>.

Installation Instructions

To install the software, it is necessary to run **pct-safe-3.51.028-bin.exe**. During the installation the program group “PCT-SAFE” will be created. Clicking on the “PCT-SAFE-FM” ([Start > Programs > Pct-Safe > PCT-SAFE-FM](#)) will start the application.

Upgrade Instructions

To upgrade one of the previous versions of the PCT-SAFE Client, please proceed as follows:

- (1) **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)**
- (2) ensure that PCT-SAFE is not running
- (3) run the pct-safe-3.51.028-bin.exe from the local drive, using the same installation destination directory (C:\pct-safe) as the previous installation
- (4) the previous installation will be overwritten
- (5) during the installation, when prompted, accept the update of the demo and production databases
- (6) during the installation, when prompted, ‘overwrite all’ existing fee schedules
- (7) at the end of the installation restart the computer

Determine current version of installed PCT-SAFE Client software

To determine which version of PCT-SAFE you are using please select [Tools>Settings>\[click button\] PCT filing](#) from the PCT-SAFE File Manager. (The version of the software that is displayed on the [Help>About PCT-SAFE File Manager](#) screen refers to the version of the File Manger only and NOT the PCT-SAFE module.)

The version number can also be viewed by selecting the [Help>About PCT-SAFE](#) in the request form.

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.

Known Issues of PCT-SAFE version 3.51.028.203

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION:

Due to reservations made by the receiving Offices or delays in technical implementation, it is not possible to create a 01 April 2007 request form – either in PCT-EASY or fully electronic mode – for filing with the following receiving Offices:

DE, KR, MY, and PH. For further details please see the Important Notification at http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm

As soon as there are changes with respect to these receiving Offices, PCT-SAFE will be updated.

Headline: installation file and folder names

Detailed description: To ensure that the PCT-SAFE software installs correctly users are advised not to modify the name of the installation file. Also, the target directory path (e.g. C:\pct-safe) where PCT-SAFE is to be installed MUST NOT contain in its name any national characters (in particular, Japanese or Korean).

Headline: stand-alone installation

Detailed description: This version of PCT-SAFE is a stand-alone installation. It should not be installed over a network or on a shared drive. The Export/Import functionality should be used for the purposes of sharing data and the creation of data backup.

Headline: installation of PCT-SAFE client and PCT-SAFE Editor

Detailed description: If the user intends to use both the PCT-SAFE client software and the PCT-SAFE Editor (for creating application documents in xml format for electronic filing), it is strongly recommended to install the PCT-SAFE client software first, and restart the computer after each software installation. NOTE: The PCT-SAFE Editor software is not Windows® Vista compliant.

Headline: password protection

Detailed description: It is possible to password protect the PCT-SAFE software. Please note, however, that it is not possible for the PCT-SAFE Help Desk to recover forgotten passwords.

Headline: fully electronic filings

Detailed description: As of the release date it is possible to file fully electronic PCT-SAFE applications with the following receiving Offices: AU (Australia), DE (Germany), DK (Denmark), EP (European Patent Office), ES (Spain), FI (Finland), GB (United Kingdom), JP (Japan), KR (Republic of Korea), MY (Malaysia), NL (The Netherlands), PH (the Philippines), PL (Poland), RO (Romania), SE (Sweden) and SK (Slovakia), as well as with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO (RO/IB). Please contact the receiving Office concerned for further information on its requirements and procedure for filing fully electronic applications.

NOTE: The 'demo' mode of the PCT-SAFE client can be used for training and practice filings. Only real electronic filings should be done in 'production' mode

Headline: available languages

Detailed description: The Chinese language version of the software is available as a separate installation (see http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/cn_user_documentation.htm for further information). It is not possible to create a 01 April 2007 request form with that installation.

Headline: PCT-SAFE in non-Latin languages (Chinese, Japanese, Russian)

Detailed description: For fully electronic applications in non-Latin languages, the file names of the text and drawings files (e.g. pdf), or of the application body (if filed in xml format) must be in Latin characters.

Headline: special information for users wishing to file with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (RO/US)

Detailed description: The RO/US accepts fully electronic PCT filings via their EFS-Web filing system. In order to benefit from the PCT filing fee reduction for fully electronic applications filed with the request in character coded format, users should create and sign their validated request form using the special EFS-Web functionality in PCT-EASY mode and then upload the PCT-EASY .zip file to the EFS-Web system with the other application documents. It is not possible to use PCT-SAFE in fully electronic mode to create an application package for filing with the RO/US. A user guide is available at http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm "Instructions for the use of PCT-SAFE in combination with EFS-Web (e-filing with RO/US)"

Headline: obtaining a digital certificate

Detailed description: In order to sign electronically and transmit on-line, users will need to obtain a digital certificate from a recognized Certification Authority, such as the WIPO Customer Certification Authority or epoline®. Obtaining a certificate from the WIPO Customer CA is simple, and enrolment is possible on-line. Further instructions on this can be found on our web site at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm>. Please read the user guides before requesting a certificate. Please note that a certificate can only be issued for an individual and NOT for a company.

Headline: filing PCT-SAFE fully electronic applications on physical media

Detailed description: The medium chosen should be clearly labelled with the following indications: the name of each applicant, title of the invention, docket or file reference, date of creation of the physical medium, if multiple media are used the order of the medium (e.g. 1 of 2, 2 of 2), indication of whether the medium is 'copy 1', 'copy 2', etc., an indication of the document type (e.g. backup copy). This information can be found in paragraph 2(f), Appendix IV of Annex F to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. For details see Appendix IV of Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_anf.pdf).

Headline: fee reductions

Detailed description: The PCT-SAFE fee reductions are as follows:

- PCT-EASY (request and abstract prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software): CHF 100, or equivalent
- PCT-SAFE fully electronic filing (where the text of the description, claims and abstract is in image format, e.g. pdf, tiff): CHF 200, or equivalent
- PCT-SAFE fully electronic filing (where the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format, xml): CHF 300, or equivalent.

Headline: printout of the request form during the submission process of PCT-EASY type applications

Detailed description: The printing of the PCT-EASY request form during the submission process may not occur automatically, in which case the system allows for manual printing from the Acrobat Reader. Instructions on how to use this functionality can be found at: http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/support/user_documentation.htm

Headline: Dr Watson error message

Detailed description: In some versions of Windows® a Dr Watson error message may appear after starting the PCT-SAFE client. In most of cases it will be sufficient to click the “cancel” button and to restart the application. However, if you frequently encounter this kind of problem please contact your computer systems administrator for advice.