

Utimaco is Awarded International Stamp of Quality for Security of its SafeGuard Easy Encryption Solution

- **The Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik (German Federal Authority for Security in Information Technology) has certified SafeGuard Easy in accordance with the Common Criteria for Information Technology Security (CC)**
- **SafeGuard Easy has achieved the highest level of security level granted to purely software solutions by CC**
- **The certificate provides customers with objective help in decision-making**

Oberursel, October 8th, 2004 - Now it's official: SafeGuard Easy, the world's most popular security solution for the encryption of hard disks, is one of the most secure software products of its type. This has now been confirmed by the Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik, (BSI - German Federal Authority for Security in Information Technology), when it awarded it a certificate in accordance with Evaluation Assurance Level 3 (EAL3) of the Common Criteria standard. In accordance with internationally-recognized criteria, and as part of the checks and evaluation carried out on its security features, SafeGuard Easy was awarded the grading "medium", which is the highest level of protection that can be assigned to a purely software solution. SafeGuard Easy, the flagship product of IT security specialist Utimaco, based in Oberursel, automatically and invisibly encrypts all the data saved on notebooks and PCs to protect it against unauthorized access if the computer or hard disk is lost or stolen.

The time-consuming process of working towards certification, which involved a thorough evaluation of the security solution by T-Systems, has not only paid off for Utimaco: for those organizations that base their selection of security solutions for valuable electronic assets on independent evaluations, this certification is now a reliable factor in helping them choose the right one. Customers in the governmental and military sectors in particular see successful certification as a prerequisite for implementing a product.

The Common Criteria standard, also officially adopted as ISO 15408, is supported and recognized in 19 countries, including the USA, Great Britain, Germany and France. It defines the concepts and principles of an IT security evaluation method which meets the demands on modern security technology in Western industrialized nations. The higher the evaluation level (EAL), the more detailed the checks carried out on security features. However, only the SOF (Strength of Security Function) grading shows the effectiveness of the actual security functions. SafeGuard Easy has been awarded the grading "medium", which is the highest possible grading that can be achieved by a purely software solution.

"Given the background of smaller and smaller IT teams and shrinking budgets, no company these days can afford to carry out a comprehensive evaluation of the security functions provided by various solutions", says Ansgar Heinen, security expert at Utimaco Safeware. "From the start, the EAL Common Criteria certificate gives our customers the confidence that they will get officially-checked security when they decide to use SafeGuard Easy."

For more information about Utimaco Safeware, and SafeGuard® Easy, go to: <http://www.utimaco.com/sg-easy>.

Utimaco Safeware AG is one of the leading technology manufacturers of professional solutions for IT security. The security technologies and solutions developed by Utimaco Safeware protect electronic values of companies and authorities from unauthorized access and guarantee that business processes and administration procedures are binding and confidential.

The business unit Personal Device Security provides technologies and solutions to guarantee mobile security in the fields of strong authentication, including biometric procedures, encryption and integrity control. The products and solutions secure data in Terminal Server and Citrix environments, on PCs, Laptops and PDAs.