

SafeGuard Easy certified according to the international security standard FIPS 140-2

- **SafeGuard Easy 4.20 receives FIPS 140-2 certification from US government**
- **Vital security and buying criterion for multinational banks and financial corporations**
- **FIPS security certification is prerequisite for use in the US government agency market**

Oberursel, September 21, 2006 / SafeGuard Easy, the market leading hard disk encryption solution with more than 3 million users worldwide, has been awarded the FIPS 140-2 Level 1 security certificate by the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) of the US Department of Commerce.

FIPS 140-2 is one of the world's leading and most rigorous security standards and the benchmark used by many governmental organizations and companies to select strong IT security solutions. Multinational banks and financial corporations focus in particular on this globally recognized quality standard when ascertaining which product they should invest in. For non-military US authorities and their suppliers, FIPS certification is the basic specification required when choosing an encryption technology product.

"The FIPS certificate is highly regarded among multinational banks and financial corporations as well as government agencies such as NATO. It also enables SafeGuard Easy to be used within US government agencies. With this seal of approval our customers not only receive officially verified security of the highest standard, they also receive confirmation that they can fully place their trust in Utimaco as a provider of security solutions," says Pim van der Poel, Vice President EMEA/ASIA adding that "customer confidence is a basic necessity in our market."

The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 describes the IT security requirements of the US government authorities in terms of encryption technology. In order to achieve the NIST standard, SafeGuard Easy was successfully tested in 11 categories. Among others this included the following categories Design Assurance, Cryptographic Key Management and Self-Tests.

SafeGuard Easy transparently and automatically encrypts and decrypts all data stored in and used on PCs, notebooks and servers. The FIPS 140-2 certificate is now the fifth international security certificate that Utimaco has received for SafeGuard Easy (including Common Criteria - Level EAL3, VS-NfD, Restreint UE, NATO Restricted).

SafeGuard Easy is listed on the NIST website <http://csrc.nist.gov/cryptval/140-1/1401val2006.htm> under ID certificate number 704.

Utimaco Safeware AG – The Data Security Company.

Utimaco is a world leading producer of professional solutions that secure data within companies and government agencies. The solutions, which have won multiple awards, protect data against unauthorized access and manipulation no matter where it's stored – on mobile personal devices, PCs or in networks. SafeGuard Easy, with more than three million installations, is the best selling worldwide solution for protecting data on notebooks and PCs.

Utimaco is also a leader in electronic transaction protections. In Germany, for example, Utimaco solutions secure over 90 percent of all card-based payment systems. Utimaco offers its customers comprehensive on site support via a worldwide network of partners and subsidiaries in Europe, the USA and Japan. Utimaco Safeware AG, with headquarters in Oberursel, near Frankfurt, Germany, is listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (ISIN DE0007572406). For more information, visit our website at www.utimaco.com

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