

Memorandum

NETC@RDS

Availability of test sets of EHICs¹

Introduction

NETC@RDS is an online service provided by health insurance organizations in the European Union and the EEA² that have entered into the NETC@RDS general agreement.

The NETC@RDS service is dedicated to insured persons and their beneficiaries travelling in Europe. It enables them to exercise their entitlement to necessary³ health treatment by simply presenting their national electronic smart card⁴ or European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) at any NETC@RDS point of service in the EU/EEA outside the country in which they are insured. For example, the service is already available to persons insured by the French national health insurance scheme for employed persons (CNAMTS).

The NETC@RDS consortium has commissioned GIE SESAM VITALE to provide manufacturers of optical recognition equipment with a standard test set of EHICs and an accompanying list of technical recommendations.

For whom?

The test set of EHIC cards is intended for manufacturers who wish to develop one (or more) solutions for automatically acquiring by optical recognition the data on European Health Insurance Cards issued by the various member countries in the European Economic Area in accordance with Decision No 190 of 18 June 2003 (Ref. 2003/752/EC).

¹ EHIC: European Health Insurance Card

² EEA: European Economic Area = European Union member states plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

³ not including planned treatment.

⁴ Carte Vitale in France, eCard in Austria, CRS in Italy, KVK in Germany, ZZS in Slovenia, etc.

Target solutions

The solutions developed must necessarily be compatible with the following environments:

- Windows XP and/or Vista with Internet Explorer version 6 or above or Firefox version 2.0 or above

Compatibility with the following environments is strongly recommended:

- Linux,
- CITRIX Presentation Server 4.0 and 4.5, CITRIX Metaframe 4,
- MICROSOFT TSE 2003.

Description of EHC test sets

The EHC test sets consist of:

- approximately 400 visual EHC test cards from 10 different countries in the European Economic Area participating in the NETC@RDS project,
- a list of recommendations to ensure that the visual EHC optical recognition solution integrates fully with the NETC@RDS online service.

How to obtain test sets of EHCs

Test sets of EHCs will be made available to manufacturers who strictly follow the procedure below:

- The manufacturer requests a copy of the Confidentiality Agreement entitled "Contrat-Accord de Confidentialité_Jeux de Tests commun Lecteur OCR_Version n2.doc". Copies of the Agreement can be requested by email from:

jeuxceam@sesam-vitale.fr

- The manufacturer signs the Confidentiality Agreement and returns it to:

GIE SESAM VITALE
Service des projets internationaux
5, bvd Alexandre Oyon
72000 Le Mans
France

An electronic version of the Agreement in MSWord format should also be emailed to:

jeuxceam@sesam-vitale.fr

- Within two weeks, GIE SESAM-VITALE will notify the manufacturer that it has duly received the Agreement and will contact it to arrange an appointment.
- On the appointed day, the manufacturer will come to the offices of GIE SESAM VITALE to make use of the test sets of EHCs for a period of two days. While manufacturers' representatives are on GIE SESAM-VITALE' premises, they must strictly abide by GIE SESAM VITALE's internal regulations (badging, opening hours etc.)
- After the appointment, the manufacturer develops its solution(s).