

This statement describes the adherence of CountryWatch's software products to the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments for Web-based Intranet and Internet Information and Applications (1194.22).

§ 1194.22 Web-based intranet and internet information and applications.

Note: The comments in this matrix are produced as a result of high-level analysis only, not thorough product testing. All future development plans are subject to change.

(a) A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content).	CountryWatch complies with this requirement
(b) Equivalent alternatives for any multimedia presentation shall be synchronized with the presentation.	Multimedia presentations are not used in CountryWatch
(c) Web pages shall be designed so that all information conveyed with color is also available without color, for example from context or markup.	Color is not used as the sole means to convey information in CountryWatch
(d) Documents shall be organized so they are readable without requiring an associated style sheet.	CountryWatch complies with this requirement.
(e) Redundant text links shall be provided for each active region of a server-side image map.	CountryWatch partially complies with this requirement.
(f) Client-side image maps shall be provided instead of server-side image maps except where the regions cannot be defined with an available geometric shape.	Client-side image maps are not used in CountryWatch
(g) Row and column headers shall be identified for data tables.	The majority of tables used in CountryWatch are for layout purposes only. The remaining tables are data tables and most do not have row and column headers appropriately defined.
(h) Markup shall be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables that have two or more logical levels of row or column headers.	Table cells are not associated with appropriate headers in the data tables used by CountryWatch.
(i) Frames shall be titled with text that facilitates frame identification and navigation.	CountryWatch complies with this requirement
(j) Pages shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	CountryWatch complies with this requirement
(k) A text-only page, with equivalent information or functionality, shall be provided to make a web site comply with the provisions of this part, when compliance cannot be accomplished in any other way. The content of the text-only page shall be updated whenever the primary page changes.	Text only pages could be used in certain specific portions of the product but would not provide the functionality of the product. This is not a planned approach.

<p>(l) When pages utilize scripting languages to display content, or to create interface elements, the information provided by the script shall be identified with functional text that can be read by assistive technology.</p>	<p>CountryWatch partially complies with this requirement. Functionality used in CountryData which is facilitated by scripting does not comply with this requirement.</p>
<p>(m) When a web page requires that an applet, plug-in or other application be present on the client system to interpret page content, the page must provide a link to a plug-in or applet that complies with ~1194.21(a) through (l).</p>	<p>CountryWatch does make use of applets and plug-ins for certain functionality. The level of dependency on these parts of CountryWatch is related to the type of user and the individual requirements</p>
<p>(n) When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, the form shall allow people using assistive technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.</p>	<p>CountryWatch does not fully support these features when submitting electronic forms.</p>
<p>o) A method shall be provided that permits users to skip repetitive navigation links.</p>	<p>CountryWatch Portal complies with this requirement</p>
<p>(p) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required.</p>	<p>There are no timed responses in CountryWatch.</p>