No STARForce on S.T.A.L.K.E.R.!!

Since our beginnings, STALKERHispano has never promoted piracy, and even we just regret to promote our Community trough pages of direct downloads where it appears S.T.A.L.K.E.R.: Shadow of Chernobyl, with the consequently loose of potential users. We have a great respect to the work made by GSC Game World and the STALKER Team during this years, and we understand that DeepSilver has to secure the sells of their products.

However, the use of STARForce for the imminent S.T.A.L.K.E.R.: Clear Sky has surprised us quite a lot, as our users, knowing the "secondary effects" that can be suffered after installing, without our consensus, the drivers of this anti-piracy system. By this, the administration of the STALKERHispano Community have decided to start promoting the sell trough Digital Distribution Systems, that, as far as we known, would not use STARForce.

This is not a call only for users of STALKERHispano, neither just for people of the Hispanic Zone, is a call for the International Community, in order for communities and portals of all countries to communicate clearly to their users the dangers that can be produced by the use of this anti-piracy system, that has also being cataloged as malware by some portals. So, please, spread the voice of this movement; if you are an user from any Community or portal dedicated to STALKER – or you have friends that talk about it – advice the administrators of that web and ask them to support the initiative, or at least, advice your fellas.

Why I should support this movement?

The main fact that has made it possible to create this movement is the implementation of STARForce anti-piracy system in all the DVDs printed, and soon sold, by DeepSilver, a company known to use this software.

Which problem can be caused using STARForce?

Sincerity before anything, by the start it should not happen anything bad. However, we think that is better to prevent than heal, and you will get surprise of the incredible number of bad experiences received with this software that, we must repeat it, has been cataloged as malware by experienced portals. The "symptoms" and problems that are generated by the use of STARForce varies from instability of Operative System to inutilization of our harware.

Which are concretely this problems?

STARForce has being related by many players with unexpected PCs shutdowns, instability of Operative System, significantly slows in performance, loose of writing velocity of mastering units, inutilization of hardware, problems with SCSI, inutilization of Virtual Units, without taking into account the many other problems that can be caused from STARForce and that have not being public.

Why buy the game trough Digital Distribution?

Digital Distribution Versions, as far we know, has never used in any of their titles this protection system, and most probably they would not start to use it with S.T.A.L.K.E.R.: Clear Sky, which they should use Thales DRM in order to protect the work of the STALKER Team.

But, I was wonder to have the box of the game, with the manual, what can I do? Certainly the only problem for Digital Distributions is that we will never have the game physically. However, most probably we are going to be able to download the manual as a PDF, and use it as we want. If you problem is regarding the Collector Edition, we reminds you that despite the Russian, Polish and German Editions, all the others seems to be very poor. Our suggestion, if you really want to buy the Collector Edition, is to have patience and wait sometime until they decide to start

lowering prices, so you can get the Collector Edition at a fairer price. Remember that stating the possible effects of STARForce, it would be cheaper to buy the game twice, than try solving all the problems that can be caused by this anti-piracy system. Oh, and do not forget that as in Digital Distributions there are no other intermediaries, games are cheaper than in shops.

You convinced me, what I can do to support the project?

There is something fundamental with this things, and even more taking into account the time we have until the imminent release of S.T.A.L.K.E.R.: Clear Sky, spread the voice all over the web. In addition, if you are a user of any particular Community or Portal related with the STALKER Universe, it would be very important if you send this information to your administrators, or at least to advices your comrades about it. Idem, if you have friends that intends to buy the game, or if you are on any forum which has some topic related with the game.

How I can support the project?

It is important to repeat it until the end, spread the voice; however, there is something more. We though to open a Thread on our International Zone Forums, but then we though that it can be interpreted as a way of benefit from the situation. Stating this, we have implemented on our Community a system for collecting signatures where there is NO NEED to be registered at STALKERHispano in order to give your support to the movement. CLICK HERE TO ENTER. Remember, this movement is based on those signatures, the more we are the more we can be eared.

There is any logo for this movement?

Indeed, we though that one of the best way to realize this movement correctly, is to provide some kind of material to whoms want to support the movement. I do not have great skills with PhotoShop, so if anyone want to try do a better logo it would be well received. There are three formats that can be used for announce the movement:

Forums: [url=http://stalkerhispano.com/no-starforce/2.html][img=http://stalkerhispano.com/images/noticias/nostarforcestalker.jpg][/img][/url]

- HTML PR:
- HTML NPR:

The code Forums, is for forums systems such as phpBB and similar. The codes HTML PR and HTML NPR are for the integration of the logo on web pages. The difference is that, while HTML PR would let Google and other search engines to check the page of signatures, HTML NPR would not do let it happen.

Anything more to say?

Of course. Remember the URL of the signatures collection: http://stalkerhispano.com/no-starforce/2.html. Also communicate that, in any case, those who wants to debate this movement are invited to join the International Zone Forums. The International Zone Forums are a special place on STALKERHispano where foreigners stalkers can communicate with us in English. If you do not know English, do not be afraid; use OnLine translators such as Google Translator, surely we, at least, understand your main idea.