Can Joomla! 1.5 operate with PHP Safe Mode On?

Yes it can! This is a significant security improvement.

The *safe mode* limits PHP to be able to perform actions only on files/folders who's owner is the same as PHP is currently using (this is usually 'apache'). As files normally are created either by the Joomla! application or by FTP access, <u>ask</u> the combination of PHP file actions and the FTP Layer allows Joomla! to operate in PHP Safe Mode.