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# **PUBLIC NOTICE - F.S.C Public Warnings**

This notice is issued by the Financial Supervision Commission ("the Commission") in accordance with the powers conferred upon it under Section 30 of the Financial Services Act 2008

## Mr. Martins Arnold

### Advance Fee Fraud

The Commission has recently become aware of correspondence which is purported to have been sent by a Mr. Martins Arnold allegedly representing the entity Irish Nationwide (IOM) Itd, 5 Hill Street, Douglas Isle of Man, IM99 1UG British Isles.

Within the email the above named individual, Mr. Martins Arnold, claims to be "Chief Accountant/Account Director".

The correspondence seen by the Commission states that "Irish Nationwide (IOM) Itd" is "The payment Bank for The Mobile Awards".

The Commission wishes to draw attention to the following observations regarding the aforementioned emails:

The genuine Irish Nationwide (I.O.M.) Limited is licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Supervision Commission to undertake Deposit Taking business. The genuine Irish Nationwide (I.O.M.) Limited's registered office address is 5 Hill Street, Douglas, Isle of Man. Details of all licenceholders of the Commission are available on our website www.fsc.gov.im.

Enquiries by the Commission have established that the above named individual has never, now or formerly been employed by the genuine Irish Nationwide (I.O.M.) Limited. He is not associated in any way with the genuine Irish Nationwide (I.O.M.) Limited.

In the email correspondence seen by the Commission, the email address used, namely irish.iom@europe.com is not that of the genuine Irish Nationwide (I.O.M.) Limited.

The genuine Irish Nationwide (I.O.M.) Limited is not associated in any way with "The Mobile Awards".

Under the circumstances the Financial Supervision Commission feels that this correspondence is being issued to tempt the recipient into becoming the victim of an Advance Fee Fraud – see explanatory notice issued by the Commission at:

http://www.fsc.gov.im/ViewNews.gov?menuid=10222&page=lib/news/fsc/westafricanfraud.xml

And / or is an attempt at gaining personal data from the recipient in order to steal their identity – see explanatory notice issued by the Commission at:

http://www.fsc.gov.im/ViewNews.gov?menuid=10222&page=lib/news/fsc/identitytheft.xml

Also see information issued by the Isle of Man Office of the Data Protection Supervisor at:

http://www.gov.im/lib/news/odps/yourinformationy.xml

Under the circumstances the Commission would encourage people receiving emails matching the above descriptions to refrain from responding to them in any way.

Any persons who are already involved in any dealings resulting from emails matching the above description and have concerns should contact the Enforcement Division on +44 1624 689315 or by email to <u>fsc@gov.im</u>.

Any persons who have paid out funds in relation to emails matching the above description or who have provided personal financial details in relation to emails matching the above description should consider contacting their local police fraud unit without delay.

Any persons who may have any concerns as to whether or not they are dealing with the genuine Irish Nationwide (I.O.M.) Limited may wish to satisfy themselves by contacting the genuine Irish Nationwide (I.O.M.) Limited. Details of the genuine postal addresses of licenceholders of the Commission may also be found via the aforementioned link to the Commission's website. Other contact details for the genuine Irish Nationwide (I.O.M.) Limited are available via their website at <a href="https://www.iniom.com">www.iniom.com</a>.

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