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Isle of Man Lotto Promotions UK - 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 22 of the Financial Supervision Act 1988.

Isle of Man Lotto Promotions UK

The Financial Supervision Commission has been made aware of emails allegedly originating from a Melinda Gyori at Isle of Man Lotto Promotions UK.

Isle of Man Lotto Promotions UK is not a company incorporated within the jurisdiction of the Isle of Man. It is not registered as a foreign company having established a place of business on the Isle of Man. It is not registered as a business name on the Isle of Man.

In the emails seen by the Commission the above entity claims that the recipient may have won a lottery allegedly sponsored by the UK National Lotteries Board and to have purportedly received "a bulk amount of US\$3,5000,000". The emails ask the recipient to contact an alleged "Payment Coordinator" "Mr Jones David".

Lotteries in the Isle of Man are registered by The Isle of Man Gambling Supervision Commission (website www.gov.im/gambling). The Financial Supervision Commission have contacted the Gambling Supervision Commission and have established that Isle of Man Lotto Promotions UK is not known to or registered by them.

The Commission has been unable to establish any genuine connection between the above entity and the Isle of Man.

Under the circumstances the Commission feels that these emails are being issued in order to tempt the recipient into becoming the victim of a so called "Lottery Scam" (a useful explanation of how such "Lottery Scams" work may be found on the following external website:

http://fraudaid.com/ScamSpam/Lottery/

OR

Are 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 strongly urge that persons in receipt of correspondence matching the above description exercise the greatest possible caution before proceeding, bearing in mind the contents of this public notice.

Any persons who are already involved in any dealings resulting from correspondence matching the above description and who have concerns should contact the Enforcement Division on +44 1624 689314 or by email to fsc@gov.im.

Any persons who have paid funds to, or disclosed personal financial details in relation to correspondence matching the above description should consider contacting their local Police Fraud Unit without delay.

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