

INVESTOR INFORMATION

Warning on attempts to defraud investors using the CNMV's identity and image

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- Responses to investors both by email and on hard copy have been detected where unauthorised firms have made fraudulent use of the CNMV's identify and image
- Contracts with the CNMV's logo have been detected in which fraudulent companies request the signature of investors
- It is advisable that you verify the origin of responses and, in the event of any suspicion, you consult the CNMV Investor Service Department

The Spanish National Securities Market Commission (CNMV) has detected attempts to defraud investors using the CNMV's identity, which include, inter alia, the following:

- the emailing of notifications to investors from domains similar to "...@cnmv.es" (e.g., "...@cnmv.help") with messages for investors (sometimes related to the field of cryptocurrencies);
- answers to investor enquires attaching scanned documents, with the CNMV's format, content, and forged signatures of managers;
- contracts of fraudulent companies for their signature by investors, which include the CNMV's logo to create the appearance of seriousness and legality.

As soon as the CNMV has become aware of the facts, it has performed various actions, including warning the State Security Forces and Bodies. The CNMV will take all and any legal action within its power to prevent and restrict these practices.

In any case, the CNMV advises you to verify the origin of any communication received in its name.

Specifically, you are recommended to:

 Verify that the CNMV's emails are sent from the domain "...@cnmv.es", confirming the origin of the source, to rule out the existence of strange links or links external to "www.cnmv.es".

- Beware of non-official documents or contracts containing the CNMV's logo.
- Beware of any communication containing a request for confidential, economic or personal information or which includes any suspicious link.
- Please note that the CNMV will never invite you to make an investment nor would we charge you for it.
- In the event of any suspicion or doubt, please contact the Investor Service Department using the following enquiry <u>form</u>.

The CNMV welcomes citizens' collaboration in reporting these types of frauds, as has occurred in this case. Therefore, we consider it advisable that whoever becomes aware of a situation of this type, should forward the source materials (email, reply, etc..) to the CNMV, in order to carry out the relevant assessment.