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Warning against Unsolicited Offers

The Financial Services Commission, Mauritius (the “FSC”) refers to its [Social Media and Fraud Alert](#) issued on 11 July 2013.

The FSC would like to alert members of the public of a phishing email from a certain Mr. George Cooper, Director Inspection Unit of the United Nations Inspection Agency. The latter claims to have discovered an abandoned consignment containing between US\$11M and US\$12M and is soliciting people to provide their bank account details to share the money.

‘Phishing’ refers to emails that seem to emanate from legitimate businesses, normally banks and other financial institutions or reputable organisations that trick people into disclosing their personal and banking information. These scammers are generally looking for information like your bank account numbers, passwords and/or credit card numbers, which they will use for their own benefit.

The FSC urges members of the public to exercise appropriate caution in respect of such emails and to avoid providing details of their bank accounts, credit card numbers, etc in their own interest.

The following could be used as a guideline to protect yourself from phishing scams:

- Never send money or give credit card or online account details to anyone you do not know and trust.
- Do not open suspicious or unsolicited emails (spam)—ignore them.
- Do not click on any links in a spam email or open any files attached to them.
- Never call a telephone number that you see in a spam email or SMS.

- If you want to access an internet account website, use a bookmarked link or type the address in yourself—NEVER follow a link in an email.
- Check the website address carefully. Scammers often set up fake websites with very similar addresses.
- Never enter your personal, credit card or online account information on a website if you are not certain it is genuine.
- Never send your personal, credit card or online account details through an email.

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