

IMPORTANT WARNING

Fraudulent electronic communications to CySEC licensed entities and investors regarding alleged renewal of certificates

The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission ("CySEC") has become aware of misleading and fraudulent electronic messages (emails) that purport to come from CySEC "officers", with the aim of extracting money. CySEC is urging licensed entities and investors to be aware of the dissemination of these false communications and to report them immediately.

Tell-tale signs of the fake communications include:

1. Using the name of CySEC with the sign-off or signature of a non-existent person falsely presented as a CySEC employee.
2. Falsely presented as official CySEC communications and offering as a service to the recipient:
 - The alleged release of funds via an "Identification Key" upon payment of a fee, and/or,
 - The alleged acquisition of a "Trading Certificate" for the legalization of transactions or activities in the markets, with a cost implication,
3. Request the advance payment of large sums of money, under the pretext of compliance with "regulatory requirements."

Reminder to the public

To avoid falling victim to cyber fraud, CySEC reiterates that:

- CySEC never requests or accepts payments or fees from individual investors for the issuance of "certificates" or the "release of funds."
- CySEC does not authorize any third party to carry out such actions on its behalf.
- Genuine CySEC email addresses end with @cysec.gov.cy

The public is urged to:

- Exercise particular caution and avoid disclosing personal or financial information.
- Refrain from making any payments to persons claiming to act on behalf of CySEC.
- Immediately report any suspicious communications to report.fraud@cysec.gov.cy

This kind of fraud is becoming increasingly common, so it is vital that investors think twice about the communications they are receiving before they proceed to any transaction.

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