

Virgin Sky Promotions - 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.

Virgin Sky Promotions

The Financial Supervision Commission has been made aware of emails allegedly originating from Virgin Sky Promotions. This entity purports, within the emails, to have an address at Havanah Building, Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 2SH.

Extensive checks by the Financial Supervision Commission have failed to establish the existence of any such address on the Isle of Man.

Virgin Sky Promotions 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 Financial Supervision Commission the above entity claims that the recipient may have won a lottery allegedly run by Virgin Sky Promotions and to have been purportedly “*approved for a lump sum pay out of €3,000,000*”. The emails ask the recipient to contact an alleged “*Claims Agent*” “*For due processing and remittance of your prize money*”.

Lotteries in the Isle of Man are registered by The Isle of Man Gambling Control Commissioners (website www.gov.im/gambling). The Financial Supervision Commission has contacted the Gambling Control Commission and has established that Virgin Sky Promotions is not known to or registered by them. The Isle of Man Gambling Control Commission website includes a player protection page, which, inter alia, makes reference to online lotteries or sweepstakes. You can access their player protection page directly on the following link: <http://www.gov.im/gambling/players.xml>

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Under the circumstances the Financial Supervision 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://www.fraudaid.com/ScamSpam/Lottery/>)

The Financial Supervision Commission would strongly urge persons receiving emails purporting to originate from Virgin Sky Promotions, Havanah Building, Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 2SH to refrain from responding to them, bearing in mind the contents of this public notice.

Persons who have already given personal details in response to correspondence from the above entity or who have paid any monies to the above entity are recommended to contact their local Police Fraud Unit without delay.

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