



FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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PUBLIC NOTICE THE MISUSE OF THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S LETTERHEAD

MISUSE OF FIUTT'S LETTERHEAD

The Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago (FIUTT) has become aware of the misuse of its letterhead by a person or persons claiming to be an official(s) of the FIUTT.

The contents of one such letter using a fake FIUTT letterhead informs the recipient that the contents of packages imported are being held by FIUTT pending payments for its release. FIUTT has concluded that the contents of such letters are deceptive and exhibit features of a scam with the intent to fraudulently solicit funds from unsuspecting individuals.

Members of the public are therefore advised that FIUTT has <u>NOT</u> authorised the distribution of the misleading letters and will <u>NOT</u> instruct persons to make payments to access the release of any package(s) sent to them. <u>The FIUTT does not collect payments for any of its services whatsoever.</u>

If you are in receipt of such a letter and/or have sent any personal information or funds to the sender of any such letter and/or to a courier/shipping agent, you are strongly advised to:

- 1. Ignore any instructions in the letter;
- 2. Immediately discontinue further communication with the sender;
- 3. Immediately and without delay make a report to the **Fraud Squad of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service** office, Corner Park and Richmond Streets, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Tel: 1(868) 625-2310 or 1 (868) 623-2644; and Email: fraud@ttps.gov.tt; and
- 4. Send a letter to the FIUTT by forwarding the message as an attachment to fiutt@gov.tt or submit a report/tip via the FIUTT's drop box at our offices, Level 25, Tower D, International Waterfront Complex, 1A Wrightson Road, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Members the public are reminded that the FIUTT is one of the Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism Supervisory Authority. It is the primary institution responsible for the collection of financial intelligence and information and the analysis, dissemination, and exchange of such financial intelligence.

Members of the public are advised to always conduct due diligence on any unsolicited communications implying an affiliation with the FIUTT or any entity.

Please be guided accordingly.

Dated: December 2nd, 2022

Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago