



## **BANK OF MAURITIUS**

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### ***Communiqué*** ***Warning Against International Lottery Scams***

It has come to the knowledge of the Bank of Mauritius (Bank) that unsolicited emails, using the names of international lottery organisations, are being sent to members of the public with the intention to defraud them. The emails are, *interalia*, announcing that they would have won or could win money or other prizes and are thereby tempting them to create online accounts so as to receive their lottery or prize.

Lottery scammers are illegally exploiting the names of legitimate lottery organisations and lottery winners to defraud people.

The Bank cautions members of the public to be wary of emails asking for money transfers in exchange for prizes or other rewards and to exercise due care while transferring money using the Internet or other funds transfer medium.

Members of the public are warned not to give any personal or professional information such as details of their bank accounts and credit/debit card numbers to protect themselves against scammers.

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