



Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Department of the Treasury

WARNING! LETTER SCAM ALERT

Fraudulent ANTI-TERRORIST STOP ORDER letters, purportedly sent by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), are being sent to bank customers. Copies of these ANTI-TERRORIST letters have been received by FinCEN that notify consumers that mandatory fees, in amounts of approximately \$25,000, are required for the issuance of a ANTI-TERRORIST CERTIFICATE before transactions may continue to be conducted.

These letters were **NOT** sent by FinCEN and represent a fraudulent attempt to elicit funds from customers. Attached is a [sample letter](#) of this scam. Consumers should **NOT** provide any information nor send any funds, to any address as indicated in these letters. Further, consumers should **NOT** follow any instructions contained in these letters to access their accounts on-line.

Further, there are instances in which other letters are being circulated which claim that FinCEN is freezing assets and endorsing investment schemes. FinCEN does **NOT** have authority to freeze assets and does **NOT** endorse investment schemes.

FinCEN is working closely with law enforcement agencies to identify the source of these letters and disrupt these scams. Until this is accomplished, if consumers receive any letters such as this [sample](#), or experience any similar attempts to obtain account information or funds, they are requested to notify their state and/or local police.