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PRESS RELEASE

CMF to file charges against entities offering loans on their websites for alleged fraud

• Claiming to be supervised by the Commission, these four entities request advance payments for loans that are never materialized.

April 24, 2023 — The Financial Market Commission (CMF) alerts the public about a series of entities offering loans that are neither supervised by the Commission nor registered in its rolls.

According to information gathered by the CMF's Investigation Unit, these entities offer loans through their websites while requesting advance payments from applicants, and some of them impersonate legally constituted entities. After making said advance payments, applicants do not receive the agreed funds. Therefore, the CMF will file charges against any responsible parties before the Public Prosecutor's Office for alleged fraud. The identified entities are:

- Finan Chile Ltda. (financhileltda dot com)
- An impersonator of Administradora Fidex S.A., which operates through Facebook under the facebook dot com slash FidexCL address.
- An impersonator of Préstamos 24, which operates via WhatsApp. The other
 entity of the same name, which operates through the prestamos24 dot cl
 website, is not supervised by the CMF.
- An impersonator of InvestChile, which operates via WhatsApp and poses as the eponymous state institution.

Recommendations

- The CMF does not make payments of any kind to natural persons other than
 for the provision of services to this Commission. Should you receive an email
 claiming to be from the CMF and asking you to access a link or provide your
 bank details, it is false.
- The CMF does not offer insurance policies of any kind, much less against "fraudulent purchases," nor does it request banking records.
- Fraudulent entities use bank accounts belonging to natural persons to collect money from their scams. This is an important sign to avoid being conned.
- Checking, vista, or RUT accounts are strictly personal and must not be made available to third parties to receive funds from unknown origins. Anyone who

- provides their bank account to third parties who commit a crime may be subject to criminal penalties.
- Use popular Internet search engines to find any complaints or negative feedback about companies through their name, their directors, and the products being considered for investment.

The CMF also reminds the public of <u>a special alerts page</u> for investors, policyholders, and banking customers available on its website. Interested parties can verify here whether an entity or person offering financial products or services is supervised by the Commission; review alerts issued by the CMF and other foreign regulators on unregulated entities or activities; and get important advice on how these scams operate.

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