

PRESS RELEASE

WATCH OUT FOR FRAUDS! THE CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLY AGENCY WARNS AGAINST NEW PHISHING ATTEMPTS

In the month of June the Customs and Monopoly Agency was informed about messages addressed to foreign individuals or companies bearing the counterfeit logo of this Agency and requiring the payment variable amounts of money to release goods allegedly stopped at customs or to receive generic "customs clearance certificates".

Such messages, mainly written in a confused and inaccurate manner, are not issued by any of this Agency's offices, on the contrary they conceal phishing attempts. It is therefore recommended to remove such messages, to avoid clicking on any link within the text (if forwarded by e-mail, sms or Whatsapp messages) and, in any case, to refrain from supplying copies of identity documents or any other personal or sensitive data.

For further information and to locate the nearest competent Office for support, please check the website of the Customs and Monopoly Agency – www.adm.gov.it.

This Agency has already reported to the competent authorities the fraudulent use of its own name and logo, as well as the use of its own official stamps, thus starting actions to protect its own image.

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