

## **ALERT - IDENTITY THEFT SCAM**

Our company Les Grands Chais de France is currently the victim of identity theft for malicious purposes.

## Explanation of the offender's modus operandi and warning:

This scam is most likely carried out from abroad, via a fake email contact@groupgcf.fr

The con artists send an e-mail in English entitled "Contact" on a massive scale.

This very brief e-mail begins with a presentation of our Group and continues with a request to send a catalogue in order to establish a quote or even an order - specifically as follows:

The Group Grands Chais France (LGCF) is a French family business founded in 1979 by Joseph Helfrich. We operate in the wine and spirits sector. We are a privileged partner of winegrowers in the major regions of France, winegrower-breeder at the head of more than 3,000 ha of vines.

We come by this email to express our interest in some of your products. Please send u your catalog. We are awaiting your response so that we can send you our request for a quote for the desired quantity.

Please accept, madam sir, our highest consideration.

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## This e-mail signature contains:

- the identity of one of our employees: "Philippe DEBES"
- a false telephone number: 07.57.49.66.09
- our actual postal address: 1 rue de la Division Leclerc 67290 Petersbach,
- and our actual website www.groupegcf.fr

## **Prevention & Protection:**

A complaint has been filed with the Police and the investigation is ongoing.

However, as a preventive measure, in order to curb a scam targeting all Players and Partners, we recommend that you do not respond to these messages.

As a matter of fact, on top of the scam itself, the scammers also take advantage of these exchanges to collect information about your company and personal data.

Warning: **Phishing** is a fraudulent technique designed to lure Internet users into providing **personal data** (access accounts, passwords, etc.) and/or **banking** information by pretending to be a trusted third party.

In case of a suspicious attempt, we would be grateful if you report it to us at <a href="mailto:dpd@lgcf.fr">dpd@lgcf.fr</a>.

Les Grands Chais de France