

## Fraudulent communications and scam websites attempting to impersonate Banco de México's identity

Banco de México warns about fraudulent publications and/or communications that have been circulating on social media and are being spread through fraudulent phone and email communications, which are inaccurately attributed by third parties to this central bank, its officers or employees, as well as about scam websites attempting to impersonate the bank's official site with the intention of deceiving the general public.

As part of the false information they release, these communications and fake websites allude, among other things, to the alleged sale of cars or other goods, the marketing of timeshares, as well as requests for personal or financial information for various operations.

In order to make their scam more credible, the alleged fraudsters deceive and mislead the public by frequently using, entirely or partially, and **without authorization**, the names of central bank officers or personnel, their job positions, or the names of other individuals wrongly associated with Banco de México. In such communications and on such fake websites, they include contact information, images, trademarks, logos, monograms, designs, and charts similar to those used by Banco de México; the acronym that identifies it (BM or Banxico), internet domains, or fake email addresses resembling the official ones,<sup>1</sup> as well as phone numbers, switchboard sounds or messages that they pass off as those used by this central bank.

In this regard, it is important to inform that Banco de México:

1. Is Mexico's central bank and an authority of Mexico's financial system. Engaging in lending and borrowing operations or service operations with the general public is not among the central bank's functions. **Banco de México does not engage in financial transactions with the general public.** That is, it does not request any person to make cash deposits or submit documents, nor does it require them to carry out transactions at its offices or with its officers. Furthermore, it does not offer loans, investments, or financial products.
2. Can only carry out the functions expressly provided for in the regulatory framework governing it, in accordance with Articles 3 and 7 of Banco de México's Law, and other regulations governing its jurisdiction. Specifically, the last paragraph of the referred Article 7 states that *"The Bank may only perform the acts explicitly set forth in this Law or those closely related thereto."*
3. Except in the case when it commercializes coins and numismatic products,<sup>2</sup> this central bank **does not sell movable property or any kind of services through its official website.**
4. Does not participate in any program related with compensation payments or reimbursements to third parties or others of a similar nature.

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<sup>1</sup> Some scam websites that have been detected are: <https://www.bancomexicogob.com>, <http://www.catalogobanxico.com/unidades-en-venta/>, <http://banxicogob.org.mx>, <https://banxicoinfo.org.mx>, <https://banxicogoninfo.com>.

<sup>2</sup> Banco de México's Law – Article 62.- Banco de México shall: "...II. Carry out, directly or through third parties, the trading of commemorative coins, as well as banknotes and coins with special packaging or finish; ..."

5. Does not engage in any operations related with or has any record of the funds known as *Fondo Mixto Privado* (Private Mixed Fund), *Fondo Mixto Privado de los Pueblos Originarios* (Private Mixed Fund of the Native Communities), *Fondo Mixto Privado de los Pueblos Originarios del País* (Private Mixed Fund of the Country's Native Communities), or *Fondo Mixto Privado de los Pueblos Originarios del Norte del País* (Private Mixed Fund of the Country's Northern Native Communities), and has no resources related with such funds.
6. Does not participate in, or has any relationship with, any type of operation associated with timeshare schemes offered or marketed by various companies.

Consequently, Banco de México does not offer loans; does not sell vehicles; does not request cash deposits or bank transfers to commercial bank accounts; nor does it require the public to pay premia, commissions, fees, or similar payments through bank transfers or any other means related with operations or programs such as those mentioned in the previous paragraphs.

If you believe you have been a victim of an apparent fraud, we suggest you report it directly to the law enforcement agencies.

We remind you that **the only official website of Banco de México is <https://www.banxico.org.mx>**. When consulting information published by this central bank, it is important that you verify in your web browser that you are indeed accessing the correct website address.