



Via Electronic Mail and Overnight Mail

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Re: Potential Violations of Section 18(a)(4) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act

Mr. Harris:

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has become aware that on or about July 31, 2022, you registered a website with the domain name www.fdiccrypto.com, and that visitors to that domain are redirected to the website www.chsserviceprovider.com, where you offer, among other things, cryptocurrency products. The FDIC has reason to believe that by using the www.fdiccrypto.com domain name, you are making false and misleading statements, directly and by implication, regarding the deposit insurance status of any products that may be offered by that site or any linked or affiliated sites or entities, in violation of Section 18(a)(4) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDI Act), 12 U.S.C. § 1828(a)(4), and its implementing regulation, 12 C.F.R. Part 328, Subpart B (Part 328). The FDIC hereby demands that you cease and desist use of the www.fdiccrypto.com domain name, or any similar domain names, immediately.

Section 18(a)(4) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1828(a)(4), and its implementing regulation, 12 C.F.R. Part 328, Subpart B, prohibit any person from using the FDIC's name or logo, or similar terms, to represent or imply that an uninsured deposit liability, obligation, certificate, or share is insured. Further, section 328.102(a)(3)(vii) provides that no person may suggest or imply that the party making such representations is associated with the FDIC or any office, division, or subdivision thereof, if the nature of the association is not clearly, conspicuously, prominently, and accurately described.

The FDIC has the authority to enforce these provisions of the FDI Act against any person or entity. Enforcement tools available to the FDIC include the authority to issue cease-and-desist orders and to assess civil money penalties for violations of Section 18(a)(4) and Part 328.

Here, by utilizing the domain name www.fdiccrypto.com, you are making false representations, expressly and by implication, including, but not limited to the following: (1) that the www.fdiccrypto.com website and any products offered on the it, or any linked or affiliated sites, are being offered by the FDIC, and therefore, protected by FDIC deposit insurance; (2) that the www.fdiccrypto.com website and any products offered on it, or any affiliated or linked sites, are endorsed by the FDIC; and (3) that products offered on the www.fdiccrypto.com website, or any affiliated or linked sites, are insured by the FDIC or eligible for FDIC deposit insurance. These representations are false and misleading, and as a result of those representations, consumers visiting the site are likely to be misled and possibly harmed.

The FDIC hereby demands that you cease use of the domain name www.fdiccrypto.com, as well as any similar website domain names, immediately. This demand applies to the use of the website with the domain name www.fdiccrypto.com as well as any advertising or consumer-facing documenting referencing [fdiccrypto](http://www.fdiccrypto.com). The FDIC further demands that, within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this letter, you provide written

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confirmation to the undersigned that you have complied with this demand.

If you believe that the use of the domain name www.fdiccrypto.com is permissible under federal law, please provide information and documentation supporting this understanding or belief, not later than fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter.

Failure to take action as requested by this letter may result in the FDIC taking appropriate action as authorized by the FDI Act or any other applicable law or regulation.

Should you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

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