

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FRAUDULENT CHECK SCAM

We have recently learned that a fraudulent check scam is attempting to entice unsuspecting consumers using fraudulent checks bearing the xpedx logo. These checks are being distributed by companies operating under a variety of names, including “XPED Financial” of Calgary, Alberta, Canada and “Imperial Marketing & Research” of Port Jefferson, New Jersey.

The scam targets individuals via a letter making one of a variety of claims, including the recipient being awarded a prize or offered employment and each attempt to encourage the recipient to wire money in order to obtain the benefit of the offer described in the letter. Enclosed with the letter is a fraudulent, invalid check imprinted with the “xpedx” logo and the National Shared Service Center address in Loveland, Ohio, which the sender suggests will fully reimburse the recipient for any money the recipient sends to the company.

Please note that these checks are a part of a fraud being carried out by third parties against individual persons and xpedx. xpedx has notified and is cooperating with appropriate U.S. law enforcement authorities to investigate and hopefully prosecute those responsible for this scam.

The check enclosed with the letter is **NOT** valid, and you should **NOT** attempt to cash this check. **xpedx is NOT liable for any of these checks. Persons who attempt to cash these checks may incur substantial personal expense and/or losses.**

Please contact International Paper company Security at 513.248.6610 with any questions or any additional information relating to this scheme.

To learn more about these types of fraudulent schemes, please feel free to access any of the following websites:

- <http://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/>
- <http://www.fbi.gov/majcases/fraud/fraudschemes.htm>
- <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre40.shtm>
- Consumer Reports website and search on ‘consumer scams’
- Better Business Bureau website and click on ‘Avoiding Investment Scams’

Each of these sites provides helpful information about what to do if you are a victim of this type of fraud.