



Bureau of Consumer Protection
Division of Marketing Practices

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Via Email and Mail

Hosting Concepts B.V. d/b/a Registrar.eu
Kipstraat 3c-5c
Rotterdam 3011 RR
Netherlands
Email: abuse@registrar.eu

Re: Impersonation of the Federal Trade Commission and Unauthorized Use of its Logo
by Domains Registered by Hosting Concepts B.V. d/b/a Registrar.eu (“Registrar.eu”)

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to inform you that one or more domains registered by Registrar.eu appear to be perpetrating a deceptive impersonation scheme that utilizes the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) name, address, logo, and website content without authorization.

As shown in the attached screenshots, [ftc-gov\[.\]us](http://ftc-gov[.]us) is virtually indistinguishable from the FTC’s official website, ftc.gov. The [ftc-gov\[.\]us](http://ftc-gov[.]us) homepage appears to be a clone of the FTC’s homepage, with the same layout, wording, and design. Like the FTC’s own website, consumers visiting [ftc-gov\[.\]us](http://ftc-gov[.]us) are directed to “Report Fraud,” but instead of being directed to the FTC’s reporting tool, consumers are directed to input their data into a form located at ftc-gov.us/ReportFraud.ftc.gov%20-%20Forms.html. Throughout the subpages, the website shows a replica of the FTC’s logo and mirrors the format and wording of the FTC’s official website.

The FTC is not affiliated with the entities or individuals operating [ftc-gov\[.\]us](http://ftc-gov[.]us). Please be advised that it is a violation of the Rule on Impersonation of Government and Businesses (“Impersonator Rule”), 16 C.F.R. § 461, to “materially and falsely pose as, directly or by implication, a government entity or officer.”

We expect to hear from Registrar.eu regarding this urgent consumer protection matter promptly. Please direct any questions, and a copy of your response, to Virginia Rosa, vrosa@ftc.gov, 202-326-3068.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lois C. Greisman
Lois C. Greisman

Open Commission Meeting: January 14

Address the commission and learn more about what's happening at the agency during this live event on January 14 starting at 11am ET.

[View the Event Page](#)

The FTC will never demand money, make threats, tell you to transfer money, or promise you a prize. If you have been targeted by an illegal business practice or scam, report it.

[Report to the FTC](#)

Take Action

- [Report fraud](#)
- [Submit a public comment](#)
- [Merger/Antitrust Comment](#)
- [Get your free credit report](#)
- [Report identity theft](#)
- [Register for Do Not Call](#)



Franchise Guidance

Learn more about the FTC's rules and regulations around purchasing and maintaining a franchise.



Fair Credit Reporting Act

Do you use credit reports to make eligibility decisions about consumers? Learn about the Fair Credit Reporting Act and how to responsibly use, report and dispose of information in those reports.



COPPA: What You Should Know

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (also known as COPPA) allows parents to control what information websites can collect from their kids.

Sign up to get e-mail updates.

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News and Updates

Press Release

Stem Cell Institute Co-Founders and Companies Banned from Marketing Stem Cell Treatments and Ordered to Pay More Than \$5.1 Million for Refunds and Civil Penalties

January 8, 2025

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Data Visualizations

Use our visualizations to explore scam and fraud trends in your state based on reports from consumers like you.

[Explore data](#)

Consumer Alert

The very picture of public service

Jennifer Leach | January 10, 2025

Consumer Alert

Identity Theft Awareness Week 2025 is coming!

Eunice Kim | January 8, 2025

Consumer Alert

Taking the guesswork out of gigs

Gema de las Heras | January 7, 2025

Open Meetings

Track enforcement and policy developments by viewing records from the Commission's open meetings — agendas, transcripts, videos, reports, and public comments.

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Featured Video



[IdentityTheft.gov Helps You Report and Recover from Identity Theft](#)

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This is not a fault, just an accident that was not intentional.

Start Submit

Report details

Please share as much as you know. The details help law enforcement investigations.

What data and privacy concerns do you have? (check all that apply)

- A child's information on a website
- How your information is shared with others
- The security of your personal information on a website

Did you pay or send money?

Yes No

Were you asked to pay or send money?

Yes No

How did it start (ex. how did they first contact you, where did you see an ad)?

What website were you on when you saw the ad or pop-up?

When were you first contacted? (mm/dd/yyyy)?

Details about the company or individual

Please share as much as you know. The details help law enforcement investigations.

Name of the company

Name of the person you dealt with

Their First Name

Their Last Name

Do you have any other information about them (phone, website, etc.)?

Yes No

Comments

Describe what happened.

Tell us what happened in your own words. Include specific details you remember. Do not include any sensitive information, such as SSN, DOB, driver's license numbers, account numbers, medical history, etc.

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About you

Are you filing this report for someone else?

Yes No

Your details

First Name

Last Name

Country or region

Street Address 1 (street address, PO Box)

Street Address 2 (apartment, suite, unit, building, floor)

City

State/Province/Region

Zip/Postal Code

Phone Number

Phone Type

Email Address

Email address is required if you want an email confirming we have received your report.

Age Range

Military Status

Military Rank

Military Branch

Are you filing on behalf of your small business or organization?

Yes No

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[Report Disaster Fraud and Price Gouging Here](#)

Report to help fight fraud!

[Report Now](#)

Protect your community by reporting fraud, scams, and bad business practices.

How it works



Tell us what happened

Report a scam, a company, or an unwanted call.



Get your next steps

Find out what you can do to protect yourself.



Help stop fraud

We use and share reports with our law enforcement partners to help with investigations.

[Get started now](#). Or you can [browse our FAQs](#).

Scammers are impersonating the FTC. Know that the FTC will never threaten you, say you must transfer your money to “protect it,” or tell you to withdraw cash or buy gold and give it to someone.

Learn more at ftc.gov/impersonators

The power of ReportFraud.ftc.gov

[Your report is shared](#) with more than 2,800 law enforcers.

We can't resolve your individual report, but we use reports to investigate and bring cases against fraud, scams, and bad business practices.

Read our [Privacy Act statement](#) to learn more about how we collect and use your information.



[Start your report now](#), or check out what is going on in your state or metro area by visiting ftc.gov/exploredata.

[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](#) is the federal government's website where you can report fraud, scams, and bad business practices.

Visit consumer.ftc.gov to find tips and learn how to avoid scams.

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