

TRANSLATION



PANAMA BANKING ASSOCIATION

ADVICE AND WARNING NOTICE

The **PANAMA BANKING ASSOCIATION** informs, warns and advises the general public that it was the victim of hackers and, that since Wednesday night, there are two emails circulating supposedly sent by the Association from the email address avg@asociacionbancariapanama.com which are FALSE and were not sent by the Association.

The emails describe a **TOOL TO PROTECT YOUR PC FROM HACKERS**. The first message states that an application, supposedly for the protection of the receiver's operating system, is at their disposal, and recommends the receiver download the application and install it in their equipment through a website.

A second email, also supposedly sent by the Association, includes the above message along with the alleged home page of the Association's website, an alleged agreement with governmental entities and a recommendation to download the application for free. These statements are also **FALSE**.

WE INFORM, WARN AND ADVISE the general public that those emails are **FALSE**, that they were not sent by the **PANAMA BANKING ASSOCIATION**, that they should be deleted immediately **WITHOUT OPENING THEM, AND THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD AVOID ENTERING THE ADDRESS CONTAINED IN THE MESSAGE OF THE SUPPOSED WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION**.

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