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Don't Take A Chance On A Foreign Lottery

(NAPSA)—The only “winners” in the foreign lotteries are the foreign promoters. American players are pretty much guaranteed to lose. Playing a foreign lottery over the Internet or through the mail is not only illegal, it's a bad deal.



Playing a foreign lottery by mail could be your ticket to trouble.

U.S. Postal Inspectors say, “Don't play!” A federal statute prohibits mailing lottery tickets, advertisements or payments to purchase tickets in a foreign lottery. It's also impractical and a losing proposition. Most promotions for foreign lotteries are likely to be phony.

Most solicitations do not come from foreign government agencies or licensees. Instead, they come from “bootleggers” who charge high fees to play. Those who pay the fees never see any lottery tickets because the scam operators don't even buy the tickets. Other scammers will tell you you've won and charge you another fee to collect nonexistent winnings.

To learn more, order “Long Shot,” the free DVD on foreign lotteries, at www.usps.com/postalinspectors.