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IRS SCAM

Taxpayers in Canada have been receiving a fax purported to be from “United States of America Internal Revenue Services”. This fax is asking them to complete and fax back a form that looks somewhat like a W8-BEN, a form used by the IRS to establish the exemption status of non-resident recipients of U.S. income. However, this request is a scam to obtain detailed personal financial information including your full name, address, banking details, mother’s maiden name and bank PIN.

Please do not respond to this fax. It is an attempt to gain access to your bank accounts and does not come from the IRS.

