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Everyone is used to getting spam and scams in their email, but every now and again a sophisticated scamm launch a postal mail campaign which even has experienced Internet users wondering if it is legitimate. The r recent comes from a Spanish company and is headed "WorldWideWeb Register" (see below).

The letter tricks people into thinking they are not in an official index of the WorldWideWeb (which doesn't extend they should provide their details "in order to obtain immediate optimal positioning".

On closer examination, you'll notice that the form is actually a very expensive CD order form:

"... I give GT@P.. the order to publish my company data in the next three annual editions of its Web Company Register, both on the Internet and on CD-Rom. The total cost per edition of the service contracted ... is 877 euros. This price includes shipment of one unit per edition of the CD-Rom publication"

WorldWideWeb Register

Please, make sure that your website address as specified is updated by returning this form in the enclosed envelope.

Your website address as it appears in our WorldWideWeb Register is:

Web: http:// www.sunburnt.com.au **Basic Information** With your cooperation, you are helping to keep the World Wide Web Register on the Internet up to date. By returning this document, you authorize the publication of your company's data on the Internet and registry of this date on the database that GT@P - Guia Telefax Anuario Professional, S.L. (ES-B-60514635) is responsible for. This information will not be transferred to third parties. Company City: S.L. (ES-B-60514635) is responsible for. This information will not be transferred to third parties. If you only wish to mention your company name and website (basic information), then no signature is required. If you wish your website to be published in the Web Company Register on CD-Rom and to obtain a highlighted advertisement in our website (www.webcompanyregister.com), please sign and return this document, issuing the following publication order: "By signing this contractual proposal, and in accordance with the additional contractual conditions stipulated overleaf, I give GT@P - Guia Telefax Anuario Profesional, S.L. the order to publish my company data in the next three annual editions of its Web Company Register, both on the Internet and on CD-Rom. The total cost per edition of the service contracted (Insertion of complete company data, logo, list of products/services and images of and direct link to my home page) is 877 euros. This price includes shipment of one unit per edition of the CD-Rom publication. In acceptance of these terms, I hereby sign this contract that will come into force one week after being signed, which is the time period provided for its unilateral withdrawal. Should there be no withdrawal within this period, contractual compliance will be maendatory for both parties and mutual consent will be necessary for the contract's advanced cancellation. I sign this document after having revised the website www.webcompanyregister.com in which my data will be electronically stored". information will not be transferred to third parties. file, General In order to obtain immediate optimal positioning, please indicate your activity and any other complementary details. Activity: Post Code FEDERICO TAPIA, 57 Tel: Fax: Contact Person: TELLITAX ANUARO PROFESSO AA - 050627562016 - 08/02/2008 (32414) SUNBURNT WEB SERVICES 2008 / 2009 63 NINTH AVENUE 4067 ST LUCIA DLD AUSTRALIA TO BE RETURNED

So, in short. You g

\$1000+ CD for falling for the scam. The previous scam we wrote about was Domain Names Pty Ltd, which i an interesting story.

If you get a letter similar to the one above, throw it away.

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