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February 7, 2024

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Attn: Security Breach Notification  
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Via Electronic Mail to: [Idtheft@oag.state.md.us](mailto:Idtheft@oag.state.md.us)

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## NOTICE OF DATA SECURITY BREACH

Dear Sir or Madame:

We serve as counsel for International Shoppes, LLC, located at 540 Rockaway Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11581 and Diplomatic Duty Free Shops of New York, Inc., located at 866 Second Ave., New York, NY 10017 (together, "IShoppes"), and write to inform you of a recent cybersecurity incident. While IShoppes is unaware of any actual misuse of personal information, we are providing notice to you about this incident pursuant to applicable state law.

On Friday, December 1, 2023, International Shoppes, LLC (operator of duty free and retail stores at airports in Connecticut (BDL), Maryland (BWI), New York (JFK), Texas (IAH) and Virginia (IAD) (previously in Massachusetts (BOS)) and Diplomatic Duty Free Shoppes, Inc. (a related Diplomatic retail store in New York and duty free / tax free catalog service across the United States that serves foreign diplomats and military personnel)) became aware that their computer systems holding employee, customer, vendor, and visitor personal information were subject to a ransomware attack. As of this date, IShoppes has notified the FBI, the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and relevant airport and port authorities of this incident. This ransomware attack was discovered by IShoppes employees after these employees reported that they were unable to access certain databases. As part of the attack, IShoppes' computer systems were temporarily encrypted and they were temporarily unable to process payments electronically. The attacker appears to have first obtained access to IShoppes' systems on or about November 16, 2023.

IShoppes immediately conducted a full investigation of the incident to investigate the attack, eradicate the attacker from their systems, and identify further defenses to help protect against future attacks.

While we have no evidence that personal information was acquired, the personal information present in the computer systems accessed may have included:

- For employees:
  - Addresses
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  - Employment information, including salary information and performance reviews
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IShoppes is offering affected residents two years of free credit monitoring through Experian.

Please contact me with questions about this matter.

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February 8, 2024

**RE: NOTICE OF DATA SECURITY BREACH**

Dear International Shoppes, LLC and Diplomatic Duty Free Shops of New York, Inc., employee, customer, vendor, or visitor:

We're writing to you as a valued employee, diplomatic customer, vendor, or visitor of International Shoppes, LLC, which operates duty free and retail stores at airports in Connecticut (BDL), Maryland (BWI), New York (JFK), Texas (IAH) and Virginia (IAD) (previously in Massachusetts (BOS)) and Diplomatic Duty Free Shops of New York, Inc., which operates a retail store in New York, as well as a duty free / tax free catalog service across the United States that serves foreign diplomats and military personnel, to inform you of a cybersecurity incident that affected our businesses and possibly your personal information. While we are unaware of any actual misuse of your information, we are providing notice to you about this incident because your privacy is of the utmost importance to us.

**What Happened?** On December 1, 2023, we became aware that our computer systems holding employee, customer, vendor, and visitor personal information were subject to a ransomware attack. This ransomware attack was discovered by our employees after these employees reported that they were unable to access certain databases. As part of the attack, our computer systems were temporarily encrypted. We immediately involved our internal information security team and engaged a cyber incident response firm to investigate the attack, eradicate the attacker from our systems, and identify further defenses to help protect against future attacks.

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**What Are We Doing About It?** Protecting the privacy and security of personal information is of critical importance to us. We have already taken a number of steps to mitigate potential harm and remediate the incident. After conducting a full investigation of the incident with the support of cybersecurity experts, we have disabled remote access VPN connection, restricted our network's access to the internet, placed additional restrictions on user access to our network (including implementing multi-factor authentication and changing passwords for certain systems), and enhanced our network monitoring capabilities. We have also notified the FBI, the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and relevant airport and port authorities of this incident.

**What Can You Do To Protect Yourself?** You can protect yourself from identity theft by remaining vigilant and reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports from consumer reporting agencies.

To provide you with support as you monitor your personal information, we are offering two years of free credit monitoring through Experian. Please see the section below called “**How Do I Sign Up For Free Credit Monitoring?**” for more details about the services available to you and how to enroll.

**Copy of Credit Report:** For your convenience, we have provided contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting agencies below. These nationwide credit reporting agencies provide a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months:

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| Equifax                             | Experian                                     | TransUnion                    |
| (800) 525-6285                      | (888) 397-3742                               | (800) 680-7289                |
| www.equifax.com                     | www.experian.com                             | www.transunion.com            |
| Equifax Credit Information Services | Experian National Consumer Assistance Center | TransUnion Consumer Relations |
| P.O. Box 740241                     | P.O. Box 4500                                | P.O. Box 2000                 |
| Atlanta, GA 30374                   | Allen, TX 75013                              | Chester, PA 19106-2000        |

You may also contact additional consumer reporting agencies by reviewing the list on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s website at <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/credit-reports-and-scores/consumer-reporting-companies/companies-list/>.

**Contact the Federal Trade Commission:** The FTC provides further information on fraud alerts, security freezes, and how to protect yourself from identity theft. The FTC can be contacted by mail at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580; by phone at 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338); or online at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

**Security Freeze:** You have the ability to place a security freeze on your credit report at no charge. A security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent but may delay your ability to obtain credit. To place a security freeze, you must contact each of the three credit bureaus listed above and may be required to provide your full name; Social Security number; date of birth; the addresses where you have lived over the past five years; proof of current address, such as a utility bill or telephone bill; a copy of a government issued identification card; and if you are the victim of identity theft, the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency.

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

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**Suspected Identity Theft:** Your state attorney general may also have advice on preventing identity theft, and you should report instances of known or suspected identity theft to law enforcement, your state attorney general, and/or the U.S. Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"). Residents of New York, Maryland, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia may contact their state attorneys general at the addresses below.

- **Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia**, 406 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; (202) 727-3400, <https://oag.dc.gov/>
- **Maryland Office of the Attorney General**, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202; toll-free: 1-888-743-0023; <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>
- **Office of the North Carolina Attorney General**, 114 West Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27603; (919) 716-6400; <https://ncdoj.gov/>
- **Office of the New York Attorney General**, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224; 1-800-771-7755; <http://ag.ny.gov/>

**Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act Rights:** You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), which governs the collection and use of information pertaining to you by consumer reporting agencies. For more information about your rights under the FCRA, please visit [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf) or [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

### **How Do I Sign Up For Free Credit Monitoring?**

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> for 24 months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for 24 months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at [www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration).

While identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary 24-month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by** May 31, 2024 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll:  
<https://www.experianidworks.com/credit>
- Provide your **activation code**: **ABCDEFGHI**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident, or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at call 833-918-1103 by May 31, 2024. Be prepared to provide engagement number ENGAGE# as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

### **ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP**

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- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE™:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

\* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

\*\* The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

**For More Information.** We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern caused by this incident. If you have further questions or concerns, or would like an alternative to enrolling online, please call 833-918-1103 toll-free Monday through Friday from 8 am – 8 pm Central (excluding major U.S. holidays). Be prepared to provide your engagement number ENGAGE#.

Sincerely,

Gail Z. Rubinstein  
Compliance Officer

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\* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

\*\* The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

**For More Information.** We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern caused by this incident. If you have further questions or concerns, or would like an alternative to enrolling online, please call 833-918-1103 toll-free Monday through Friday from 8 am – 8 pm Central (excluding major U.S. holidays). Be prepared to provide your engagement number ENGAGE#.

Sincerely,

Gail Z. Rubinstein  
Compliance Officer

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