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How to be Certain Your Money Funds Are Fully Insured!

EDWARDSVILL, IL, October 23, 2008 -- On September 19, the U.S. Treasury announced a new guarantee for money funds. Called the “Temporary Guarantee Program,” it promises that investors will get \$1 back for every \$1 invested -- with no dollar limit!

There are some “catches” which the Federation of American Consumers and Travelers (FACT) fears the public may not understand:

1. *The Temporary Guarantee Program is due to last for only three months!* It can be extended into 2009 *if* deemed by the Treasury to be advisable and/or necessary.
2. *The protection applies only to cash that was in money funds held in your account as of the end of the business day on September 19!*
3. *The program covers only certain money market funds!* To be eligible for the protection, a fund must: (a) be regulated under Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, (b) be publicly offered, (c) be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and (d) maintain a stable share price of \$1.
4. *Protection is in force only if your money market fund opted to participate in the program!*

The Federation of American Consumers and Travelers ([FACT](#)) has published this information as part of its “hotline” service for its members. FACT is a not-for-profit association which was founded in 1984 and which provides a variety of benefits -- ranging from [medical insurance](#) and [dental care discounts](#) to [prescription drug savings](#) and [timely consumer information](#) -- for more than 1 million Americans.

“It is very important,” says FACT managing director Vicki Rolens, “for every saver to contact directly his or her money fund to make certain that it is participating in the program and that the fund meets the eligibility requirements.”

Rolens adds that further information can be obtained by sending an e-mail to the Treasury Department at: moneymarketfundsguaranteeprogram@do.treas.gov.

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Questions may be directed to FACT by sending an e-mail to cservice@usafact.org. More information on the Federation of American Consumers and Travelers may be found in the *Encyclopedia of Associations*, and by visiting the association's web site (www.usafact.org). [The organization was formed](#) under the not-for-profit corporation laws of the District of Columbia in 1984. Its administrative office is located at 318 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.