

# Consumer **WARNING**

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## **"FREEDOM TOWER" SILVER DOLLAR NOT AUTHORIZED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT**

Some consumers may be confused by advertisements for a coin commemorating September 11. The ads are confusing because the language used in them creates the impression that the coin is a genuine United States Mint coin or medal.

The ads for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' "Freedom Tower" silver dollar say that the "legally authorized government issue" coins are made from silver reclaimed from a bank vault after the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. The coin itself bears the inscription "In God We Trust," commonly identified with official U.S. coins.

In fact, the "Freedom Tower" silver dollar is not a genuine United States Mint coin or medal. Congress gave the United States Mint the sole authority to coin United States coins and medals; it did not give this authority to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Coin collectors should be aware that Congress has yet to authorize the production of a coin or medal commemorating September 11.



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