



Fraud prevention legislation

## Montoro announces that the fraud prevention plan will mean information on overseas accounts and securities will have to be provided

- Tomorrow the Council of Ministers will approve the draft fraud prevention measures draft bill
- This new measure comes in addition to the €2,500 limit set for cash payments by business people and professionals

**12 April 2012.** Today, in the Plenary Session of Congress, the Minister of Finance and Public Administrations, Cristóbal Montoro, announced that the Government plans to oblige individuals and businesses to provide information on accounts and securities held with financial institutions located overseas.

In his speech setting out the decree law on fiscal measures aimed at combating fraud, the Minister announced another of the measures included in the draft bill that will be approved by the Council of Ministers tomorrow, and which comes in addition to the measure already announced by the president of the Government on restricting cash payments made by business people or professionals on transactions of over €2,500.

The regulation which will be approved tomorrow will include sanctions, which means that anyone who fails to comply with the measure will incur a penalty of 25% of the value of the transaction.

The Minister of Finance explained that the fraud prevention legislation, to be approved tomorrow by the Government, will include an additional provision whereby taxpayers will be obliged to provide information on accounts held with

financial institutions located overseas, of which they are the beneficiary or are authorised or have power of attorney to access.

This obligation to provide information will apply to other shares, securities or rights representative of capital stock, own funds or entity assets, as well as life insurance, personal disability insurance, fixed asset and real estate insurance taken out with entities based overseas.