



**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**



**Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection
Reauthorization Act of 2022**

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VISION STATEMENT

We are agents of positive change striving for continuous improvements in our agency's management and program operations, as well as within the Office of Inspector General.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We will:

Work with the Commission and the Congress to improve program management.

Maximize the positive impact and ensure the independence and objectivity of our audits, investigations, and other reviews.

Use our investigations and other reviews to increase government integrity and recommend improved systems to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

Be innovative, question existing procedures, and suggest improvements.

Build relationships with program managers based on a shared commitment to improving program operations and effectiveness.

Strive to continually improve the quality and usefulness of our products.

Work together to address government-wide issues.



January 29, 2024

TO: Alexander D. Hoehn-Saric, Chair
Peter A. Feldman, Commissioner
Richard Trumka Jr., Commissioner
Mary T. Boyle, Commissioner

FROM: Christopher W. Dentel, Inspector General

SUBJECT: Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022

I am pleased to present this annual report to Congress regarding the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) efforts to prevent and protect trafficking victims in 2023 in accordance with the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is required to, in consultation with the head of the agency, submit an annual report to Congress, which shall be publicly accessible containing the following information:

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| (1) the number of suspected violations reported: | 0 |
| (2) the number of investigations: | 0 |
| (3) the status and outcomes of such investigations: | NA ¹ |

The OIG is also required to report on any recommended actions to improve the programs and operations of the CPSC regarding the implementation of the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022. This annual report is based on information provided directly by the agency and has not been prepared in accordance with government audit standards.

Although the portions of the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 requiring this report are already in effect, the portions of the Act requiring action by the agency do not take effect until on or about May 4, 2024. Those portions require the CPSC to incorporate a module on human trafficking into its menu of topics to be covered in the annual ethics training and to incorporate a module on human trafficking into its staff training

¹ As no suspected violations were reported, there were no investigations initiated. As a result, there is nothing to report regarding the status of investigations.

requirements. Such staff training should teach employees how to prevent, identify, and report trafficking in persons. The CPSC is also required to incorporate anti-trafficking provisions into its Code of Conduct, to require employees to sign acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct, to file said acknowledgement in the file of the employee, to inform employees that a violation of the Code of Conduct should lead to disciplinary action, and to inform all candidates for employment of the existence of said anti-trafficking provisions in the Code of Conduct.

The CPSC has already begun preparations to implement the Act and, as reflected on the chart below, has already implemented one of the requirements.

Summary of Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 Compliance for CY 2023¹

Item No.	Criteria	Compliant
1	Human trafficking added to menu of topics to be covered in annual ethics training.	Yes
2	Incorporate a module on human trafficking into staff training requirements that teaches employees how to prevent, identify, and report trafficking in persons.	Due May 2024
3	Incorporate anti-trafficking provisions into the Code of Conduct.	Due May 2024
4	Require employees to sign acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct.	Due May 2024
5	File employee acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct in the file of the employee.	Due May 2024
6	A violation of the Code of Conduct should lead to disciplinary action.	Due May 2024
7	Inform all candidates for employment of the existence of said anti-trafficking provisions in the Code of Conduct.	Due May 2024

¹ Prepared by OIG based on agency information.

At this time, I have no recommended actions to improve the programs and operations of the CPSC regarding the implementation of the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022. I wish to thank agency staff for the work done so far on this important initiative.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at CPSC-OIG@cpsc.gov.



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