



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



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

March 10, 2026

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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.



March 10, 2026

TO: Peter A. Feldman, Acting Chairman

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 2025 in accordance with the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 (TVPPRA). 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 TVPPRA. This annual report is based on information provided directly by the agency and has not been prepared in accordance with government audit standards.

Several portions of the TVPPRA requiring action by the agency took effect in July 2024. Specifically, the CPSC is required to include a module on human trafficking in its menu of topics to be covered in its annual ethics training and to include a module on human trafficking in its staff training requirements. Such staff training must teach employees how to prevent, identify, and report trafficking of 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

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.

Conduct. The CPSC has implemented most of the requirements of this act, as demonstrated by the chart below.

Summary of Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 Compliance for Calendar Year (CY) 2025

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

Source: Prepared by OIG based on agency information.

As was the case in 2024, the agency is not compliant with the one provision of the TVPPRA that states “the head of each agency should inform all candidates for employment about the anti-trafficking provisions in the Code of Conduct of the agency.”² Instead of informing all candidates about the CPSC’s Code of Conduct’s anti-trafficking provisions as required, the agency only informs successful candidates during their orientation. This does not comply with the law. Management concurred and will include a link to the CPSC Code of Conduct in CPSC’s vacancy announcements to ensure all candidates for employment at the CPSC are made aware of these provisions, not just the successful candidates.

I wish to thank agency staff for the work done on this important initiative. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at CPSC-OIG@cpsc.gov.

Attachment:
Management Response dated March 2, 2026

² See Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022, Pub. L. 117-348, §122(b)(4), 136 Stat. 6211, 6217 (2023).



Memorandum

TO: Christopher W. Dentel, Inspector General
Office of the Inspector General

DATE: March 2, 2026

THROUGH: Annette Evans, Deputy Executive Director of Operations
Support
Office of the Executive Director

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FROM: Brien Lorenze, Executive Director
Office of the Executive Director

SUBJECT: Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protections
Reauthorizations Act of 2002

Management agrees with the Office of the Inspector General's assessment that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is not currently complying with the provision of the Trafficking Victims and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 requiring agency heads to inform all employment candidates about anti-trafficking measures in the agency's Code of Conduct. The Office of Human Resources Management (EXHR) is actively addressing this issue by ensuring all candidates are made aware of these provisions. To meet statutory requirements, EXHR will include a link to the Code of Conduct in their vacancy announcements.



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