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The CPSC Did Not Comply with the Payment Integrity Information Act

BETHESDA –The Office of Inspector General retained the services of KPMG, an independent public accounting firm, to determine whether the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) was in compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) (Public Law 116-117) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. This evaluation was performed in accordance with the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*.

The PIIA aims to improve CPSC management's efforts to identify and reduce government-wide improper payments. Agencies are required to identify and review all programs and activities they administer that may be susceptible to significant improper payments based on guidance provided by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Payment integrity information is published with the agency's annual financial statement.

Overall, KPMG found that for FY 2023, the CPSC did not comply with the PIIA. In accordance with OMB, all elements must be complied with to result in overall compliance. The CPSC did not meet requirement one, as the accompanying materials were not submitted to OMB by the deadline for publication in PaymentAccuracy.gov.

KPMG further noted that requirements three through six were not applicable to the CPSC for FY 2023 as the CPSC did not identify any programs that were susceptible to significant improper payments as defined by OMB guidance. Management concurred with KPMG's findings.

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