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The CPSC Establishes a Foundation for a True Zero Trust Architecture

BETHESDA – Today, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a report on the results of the Zero Trust Architecture (ZTA) audit. The CPSC OIG found that the CPSC had begun implementing the technical controls that establish a foundation for a true ZTA.

The Office of Inspector General retained the services of Williams, Adley & Co.-DC LLP (Williams Adley), an independent public accounting firm, to assess agency adoption of ZTA requirements. ZTA is a cybersecurity framework focused on “never trust, always verify.” ZTA consistently scrutinizes and constantly verifies every access request to a system. In January 2022, the Office of Management and Budget issued Memorandum-22-09, *Moving the U.S. Government Towards Zero Trust Cybersecurity Principles*, establishing a ZTA strategy, and requiring agencies to meet specific cybersecurity standards and objectives by the end of fiscal year 2024, to minimize risk from both internal and external threats.

Williams Adley did not issue any Notices of Findings, indicating that the CPSC’s current zero trust trajectory is aligned with federal cybersecurity modernization objectives and supports the continued development of a more secure and resilient information security environment. However, Williams Adley provided two suggestions to support the CPSC’s continued progress toward achieving an “Advanced” level of zero trust implementation maturity.

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