



**UNITED STATES  
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**DIRECTIVE NUMBER: D202.9**

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel to make recommendations and to take regulatory actions on the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (Common Rule).

**DIRECTIVE OWNER:** The Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction, Directorate for Health Sciences.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 19, 2019

**CERTIFIED CURRENT DATE:** September 19, 2019

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1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Directive is to delegate authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel to make recommendations and to take regulatory actions, as necessary, on changes to the Common Rule that are provided to CPSC staff by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

2. **AUTHORITY.** 15 U.S.C. § 2076(b)(10); 16 CFR part 1028

3. **DEFINITIONS.**

**Common Rule** means the departments and agencies, including CPSC, that follow the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects to protect human subjects involved in research, while facilitating valuable research and reducing burden, delay, and ambiguity for investigators.

4. **SCOPE.**

*This Directive is intended for all CPSC employees and all contractors engaged by CPSC who review actions or changes to the Common Rule.*

5. **RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- The Commission delegates authority to the Executive Director to evaluate any changes to the Common Rule, as provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),

