

AMENDING SECTION 1 OF BOARD REGULATION NO 4, S. OF 2005 “RECLASSIFYING EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE AS DANGEROUS DRUGS” BY INCLUDING THE ISOMERS AND SALTS OF ISOMERS OF EPHEDRI...

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WHEREAS, Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine are precursors under Table I of the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 93, Article XI of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as “The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002”, the Board is given the power to reclassify, add to or remove any chemical from the list of dangerous drugs;

WHEREAS, the Dangerous Drugs Board, in Board Regulation No. 4, series of 2005, has reclassified Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine as dangerous drugs;

WHEREAS, there have been a total of 358.1083 kgs of chloroephedrine, a halogenated form of ephedrine, seized in July 2016 by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA);

WHEREAS, illicit drug manufacturers are continuously experimenting with and synthesizing various forms of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine for use in methamphetamine manufacture and the PDEA needs to be proactive against these illegal drugs manufacturers by including all forms of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.

WHEREAS, halogenated forms (containing chlorine, bromine, iodine, fluorine, and alkylated forms (containing branched chain carbon atoms) of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine can conceivably be used as precursors for the manufacture of methamphetamine;

WHEREAS, the PDEA recommended that the above forms of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine be likewise reclassified as dangerous drugs;

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to amend Section 1 of Board Regulation No. 4, s. of 2005, to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Classification of Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine as Dangerous Drugs - All raw materials of Ephedrine and pseudoephedrine or any of their salts, as well as preparations containing any of the said drugs are hereby reclassified as Dangerous Drugs, including their isomers and salts of isomers, and their halogenated and alkylated forms and the salts, isomers, and salts of isomers of these forms as well as any material, compound, mixture or preparation containing the same shall be subject to all regulatory control measures provided under Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board.

EFFECTIVITY - This Regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of

general circulation and registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), UP Law Center, Diliman, Quezon City .

APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 24th day of January, in the year of Our Lord 2018 in Quezon City .

(SGD.) Secretary Catalino S. Cuy
Chairman, Dangerous Drugs Board

Attested by:

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