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BOARD REGULATION NO. 2
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SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF 3-CHLOROMETHCATHINONE (3-CMC) IN THE LIST OF DANGEROUS DRUGS

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a party to the three (3) United Nations International Drug Control Conventions: the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and the 1988 Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

WHEREAS, the Conventions aim to put in place mechanisms to address the problem of drug production, trafficking, and use of illicit substances;

WHEREAS, the Conventions provide that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs ("CND") shall have the power to change the scope of control of substances through amendment of the Schedules annexed to each Convention, and party-states shall take such measures to give effect and carry out the regulatory mechanisms provided for substances listed in the Schedules of the Conventions;

WHEREAS, 3-Chloromethcathinone (3-CMC) (CAS: 1049677-59-9), also known as 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)-1-propanone, is a synthetic stimulant of the cathinone family;

WHEREAS, 3-CMC is one of the three positional isomers of chloromethcathinone, along with 2-chloromethcathinone (2-CMC) and 4-chloromethcathinone (4-CMC);

WHEREAS, 3-CMC is not currently under international control, although its isomer, 4-CMC, was placed under international control in 2020;

WHEREAS, the potency and effects of 3-CMC appear to be similar to those of 4-CMC and 3-methylmethcathinone (3-MMC);

WHEREAS, 3-CMC has been associated with eight deaths in Sweden and more than 30 cases of drug-impaired driving investigations;

WHEREAS, in at least one post-mortem investigation, autopsy findings included pulmonary edema, hyperemia of internal organs, enlargement of the heart cavities, slight atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries, signs of hepatic steatosis, and scars in the kidney cortex[1];

[1] **World Health Organization.** (2023). *Critical review report: 3-Chloromethcathinone*. Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, Forty-Sixth Meeting, Geneva, 16–20 October 2023.

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WHEREAS, 3-CMC has been made available for sale through online retailers and street drug markets, and international forensic data indicate evidence of polydrug use, with 3-CMC often found in combination with other substances, including its isomer 4-CMC;

WHEREAS, during the 67th session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotics Drug (UN-CND) held from 14 to 22 of March 2024, it was agreed that 3-chloromethcathinone (3-CMC) be included in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971[2];

WHEREAS, Board Regulation No.1, Series of 2020, prescribed the immediate adoption of changes in the scope of control of substances pursuant to the three (3) United Nations International Drug Control Conventions and authorized the DDB Chairperson to issue a Regulation for such purpose, provided that the DDB Chairperson and/or the DDB Executive Director shall inform the Board of the issuance of such Regulation.

WHEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED,** as it is hereby **RESOLVED,** to adopt the action of the UN-CND placing **3-chloromethcathinone (3-CMC)** in the list of dangerous drugs and all compounds, mixtures, and preparations containing this substance, including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, be classified as dangerous drugs which shall be subjected to all regulatory and control measures provided for in Republic Act No. 9165, as amended, and its implementing rules and regulations.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 24 day of March in the year of Our Lord, 2025, in Quezon City.

Secretary OSCAR F. VALENZUELA
Chairperson

Attested by:

Undersecretary EARL P. SAAVEDRA, CESO I
Board Secretary / Executive Director

[2] **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.** (2024). *Resolutions and decisions (2020–2029)*. United Nations. From https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/Resolutions_Decisions/resolutions-and-decisions-2020-2029.html

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