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DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

BOARD REGULATION NO. 6
SERIES OF 2025

SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF 4-PIPERIDONE AND 1-BOC-4-PIPERIDONE 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, 4-Piperidone is a vital early-stage precursor in the synthesis of fentanyl and its analogues, specifically enabling the production of N-Phenethyl-4-Piperidinone (NPP), 4-Anilino-N-Phenethylpiperidine (ANPP), 4-Aminopyridine (4-AP), and Norfentanyl, all of which are classified under Table I of the 1988 Convention[1];

WHEREAS, 1-Boc-4-piperidone, a chemically protected derivative of 4-piperidone, can be utilized in the production of 1-Boc-4-AP and, subsequently, Norfentanyl, both of which are also listed in Table I of the 1988 Convention. Furthermore, 1-Boc-4-piperidone can be converted back into 4-piperidone;

WHEREAS, the final product, Fentanyl and its analogues are highly potent narcotic drugs, typically 10 to 100 times more powerful than heroin. Their high potency contributes to a significant number of overdose deaths among users, as well as unintentional exposure among law enforcement personnel and other individuals involved in the distribution chain;

WHEREAS, 4-Piperidone and 1-Boc-4-piperidone chemicals are very suitable precursors for the illicit manufacture of fentanyl and a number of fentanyl analogues. Incidents of illicit use involving the two substances have been reported since 2019;

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[1] **Toufiq, Jallal (2024) Changes in the Scope of Control of Substances.** Retrieved from https://www.incb.org/documents/Speeches/Speeches2024/CND_Item5a_INCBstatement1_scheduling_US_proposal_19_03_2024.pdf

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WHEREAS, the widespread impact and severity of public health and social issues resulting from illicitly manufactured fentanyl and its analogues necessitate the urgent international intervention;

WHEREAS, the International Narcotics Control Board recommends adding 4-piperidone and 1-Boc-4-piperidone to Table I of the 1988 Convention. The International control of the two substances will restrict their availability for illicit drug production, thereby reducing the unlawful manufacture of fentanyl and its analogues derived from them;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of these substances in Table I will enable Governments to request pre-export notifications as a means of monitoring any trade in the substances;

WHEREAS, during the 67th session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotics Drugs (UN-CND) held from 14 to 22 March 2024, It was agreed that 4-Piperidone and 1-Boc-4-piperidone be included in Table I of the 1988 Convention[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 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 **4-piperidone** and **1-Boc-4-piperidone** in the list of dangerous drugs and all compounds, mixtures, and preparations containing these substances, including their 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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