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BOARD REGULATION NO. 7
SERIES OF 2025

SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF P-2-P METHYL GLYCIDIC ACID AND EIGHT OF ITS ESTERS (METHYL ESTER, ETHYL ESTER, PROPYL ESTER, ISOPROPYL ESTER, BUTYL ESTER, ISOBUTYL ESTER, SEC-BUTYL ESTER AND TERT-BUTYL ESTER) 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, P-2-P methyl glycidic acid and eight of its esters (Methyl Ester, Ethyl Ester, Propyl Ester, Isopropyl Ester, Butyl Ester, Isobutyl Ester, Sec-Butyl Ester, and Tert-Butyl Ester) are highly suitable for the illicit manufacture of P-2-P, a precursor already listed in Table I of the 1988 Convention and is subsequently used in the illicit manufacture of amphetamine and methamphetamine[1];

WHEREAS, incidents of illicit manufacture and trafficking involving P-2-P methyl glycidic acid have been documented since 2012, its methyl ester since 2016, and its ethyl ester since 2023. Reports indicate a rising frequency and increasing amounts of these substances since late 2022;

WHEREAS, seizures of the other six esters (propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, and tert-butyl ester) have not yet been reported to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). However, these esters serve as direct substitutes for the methyl and ethyl esters and can be converted to P-2-P using the same technological methods and processes;

WHEREAS, there is no known legitimate uses and no regular trade in the nine substances other than in very small amounts for research and development purposes;

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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_INCBstatement2_scheduling_P2Pglyc_19_03_2024.pdf

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WHEREAS, the INCB recommends adding all nine substances (all stereoisomers of each substance) to Table I of the 1988 Convention. The International control of the nine substances will restrict their availability for illicit drug production, thereby reducing the unlawful manufacture of amphetamine and methamphetamine 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 Drug (UN-CND) held from 14 to 22 of March 2024, it was agreed that P-2-P Methyl Glycidic Acid and Eight of its Esters (Methyl Ester, Ethyl Ester, Propyl Ester, Isopropyl Ester, Butyl Ester, Isobutyl Ester, Sec-Butyl Ester, and Tert-Butyl Ester) 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 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 **P-2-P Methyl Glycidic Acid and Eight of its Esters (Methyl Ester, Ethyl Ester, Propyl Ester, Isopropyl Ester, Butyl Ester, Isobutyl Ester, Sec-Butyl Ester, and Tert-Butyl Ester)** 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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