BOARD REGULATION No. 3
Series of 2015

SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF SALVIA DIVINORUM, ITS RESIN, EXTRACT, TINCTURES OR OTHER FORMS AND / OR ANY PART OR PORTION THEREOF IN THE LIST OF DANGEROUS DRUGS

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

WHEREAS, under the same section of said law, the Board, in the exercise of this power, shall take into accord its obligations and commitments to international treaties, conventions and agreements to which the Philippines is a signatory;

WHEREAS, Salvia Divinorum is an herb in the mint family native to Southern Mexico, and the ingestion thereof through chewing, drinking of its juices and smoking is known to produce hallucinogenic experiences, with quantitative potency similar to Lysergic Acid Diethylamide or LSD;

WHEREAS, due to its hallucinogenic effect which mimics psychosis, Salvia Divinorum is being sold and distributed through the Internet and users thereof appear to be mostly younger adults and adolescents;

WHEREAS, Salvia Divinorum is placed under regulatory control in Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Japan, Spain and Sweden;

WHEREAS, last 2010, data from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency provide that it received a test buy sample of Salvia Divinorum;

WHEREAS, the hallucinogenic effect of Salvia Divinorum is similar to those of other scheduled substances which pose an imminent hazard to public safety.

WHEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, that Salvia Divinorum, its resin, extract, tincture or other forms and or any other part or portion thereof be classified as a dangerous drug and the importation, sale, possession and use thereof be subject to all regulatory and control measures provided for in the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended, and rules and regulations promulgated by the Dangerous Drugs Board.

This Regulation shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), UP Law Center, Quezon City.
Bd. Reg. Inclusion of Salvia Divinorum, its resin, extract, tinctures or other forms and/or any part or portion thereof in the list of dangerous drugs

APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 9th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, 2015 in Quezon City.

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