BOARD REGULATION No. 10
Series of 2016

SUBJECT: Inclusion of para-methyl-4-methylaminorex or 4,4'-DMAR in the List of Dangerous Drugs

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the 1971 United Nations Single Convention on Psychotropic Substances ("1971 UN Convention") which seeks to promote cooperation among states in order to address more effectively the various aspects of illicit traffic of psychotropic substances;

WHEREAS, para-methyl-4-methylaminorex or commonly known as 4,4'-DMAR is a synthetic stimulant drug existing in four enantiomeric forms and is structurally related to 4-methylaminorex (4-MAR) and aminorex, which are both listed in the 1971 UN Convention;

WHEREAS, according to the Critical Review Report conducted by the World Health Organization, data indicate that 4,4'-DMAR has been available particularly in Europe since the end of 2012 via websites selling "research chemicals" predominantly in powder form with additional on-line and "street" availability as "Ecstasy-like" tablets;

WHEREAS, the same Report also states Symptoms in users have included agitation, hyperthermia, foaming at the mouth, breathing problems and cardiac arrest;

WHEREAS, there is no known legitimate medical, industrial, agricultural or cosmetic use of 4,4'-DMAR;

WHEREAS, during the 59th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on March 2016, it was agreed that 4,4'-DMAR be included in Schedule II of the 1971 UN Convention;

WHEREAS, during the Caucus of the Board held on 13 October 2016, the matter was presented, and was, thereafter, agreed upon that it be subjected to Ad Referendum;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, at least nine (9) Members of the Board constituting a majority thereof had indicated and signed their agreement with the recommendations.

WHEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to adopt the decision of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and include para-methyl-4-methylaminorex or 4,4'-DMAR in the list of dangerous drugs and shall be subject to all regulatory and control measures provided for in Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Dangerous Drugs Board.

Bd. Reg. on Inclusion of para-methyl-4-methylaminorex or 4,4'-DMAR in the List of Dangerous Drugs
This Regulation shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and after registration with the Office of National Administrative Register (ONAR), UP Law Center, Quezon City

APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 8th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, 2016 in Quezon City.

Secretary BENJAMIN P. REYES
Chairman, Dangerous Drugs Board

Attested by:

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