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**BOARD REGULATION No. 5**  
**Series of 2016**

**SUBJECT: Inclusion of Acetylfentanyl in the List of Dangerous Drugs**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is a signatory to the 1961 United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the 1972 Protocol ("1961 UN Convention") which seeks to promote cooperation among states in order to address more effectively the various aspects of illicit traffic of narcotic drugs;

**WHEREAS**, acetylfentanyl is in the phenylpiperidine class of synthetic opioids that includes fentanyl, which is itself a Schedule I substance under the 1961 UN Convention;

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization, in its Critical Review Report for the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, discussed that acetylfentanyl is identified in various confiscated materials as being trafficked illicitly and is sold over the Internet and is being non-medically used and abused in various countries;

**WHEREAS**, the same Report adopted the findings of the emergency review conducted by the United States Department of Justice on acetylfentanyl which provides that based on pharmacological data, the abuse of acetylfentanyl leads to the same qualitative and well-established public health risks as heroin, fentanyl and other opioid analgesics, and such abuse has led to treatment admissions, emergency department visits and fatal overdoses;

**WHEREAS**, during the 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on March 2016, it was agreed that acetylfentanyl be included in Schedules I and IV of the 1961 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 Acetylfentanyl 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.

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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