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BOARD REGULATION No. 8
Series of 2016

SUBJECT: Inclusion of para-methoxymethylamphetamine or PMMA 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-methoxymethylamphetamine or PMMA is a synthetic phenethylamine drug structurally related to methamphetamine and PMA (para-methoxyamphetamine), which are both listed in the 1971 UN Convention;

WHEREAS, according to the Critical Review Report conducted by the World Health Organization, over the last three (3) decades but especially within the last five (5) years, PMMA has been associated with thirty-one (31) non-fatal intoxications and one hundred thirty-one (131) deaths in three continents, mainly in Europe;

WHEREAS, the same Report states that PMMA is almost always found in combination with PMA in tablets sold as "Ecstasy," sometimes along with amphetamine, methamphetamine or ephedrine;

WHEREAS, there is no known legitimate medical, industrial, agricultural or cosmetic use of PMMA;

WHEREAS, during the 59th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on March 2016, it was agreed that PMMA be included in Schedule I 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-methoxymethylamphetamine or PMMA 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.

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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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