

## Republic of the President DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

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## BOARD REGULATION NO. 7 Series of 2018

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

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the 1971 United Nations 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, the 1971 UN Convention requires Parties thereof to implement control measures on substances which have been classified under its Schedules;

WHEREAS, the Critical Review Report ("Report") of the World Health Organization – Expert Committee on Drug Dependence declares that Ethylphenidate can be converted into Methylphenidate, which is a Schedule II substance under the 1971 UN Convention;

WHEREAS, the Report also mentioned that there is a high risk of addiction from Ethylphenidate use and has been identified in nineteen (19) deaths in the United Kingdom;

**WHEREAS,** Ethylphenidate is a controlled substance in countries such as Germany, China, Poland and the United Kingdom;

WHEREAS, during the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on March 2017, it was agreed upon that Ethylphenidate be included in Schedule II of the 1971 UN Convention.

WHEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, in accordance with the unanimous agreement arrived at by the Board during its 179th regular meeting held on 4 April 2018, to adopt the decision of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and include Ethylphenidate in the list of dangerous drugs and 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 registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), UP Law Center, Diliman, Quezon City.

APPROVED and ADOPTED, this <u>4th</u> day of <u>April</u>, in the year of Our Lord, 2018 in Quezon City.

Secretary CATALINO S. CUY

Chairman

Attested by:

Undersecretary EARL P. SAAVEDRA Secretary of the Board