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**BOARD REGULATION No. 7**  
**Series of 2016**

**SUBJECT: Inclusion of methoxetamine or MXE 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**, methoxetamine or commonly known as MXE is a new synthetic drug derived from ketamine and is described to show longer lasting and more powerful effects than ketamine but with weaker analgesic and anesthetic effects;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Critical Review Report conducted by the World Health Organization, main effects of MXE are hallucinations, depersonalization and dissociation of the physical body;

**WHEREAS**, the European Commission has placed MXE under control after a risk assessment conducted by the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction;

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

**WHEREAS**, during the 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on March 2016, it was agreed that MXE 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 methoxetamine or MXE 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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