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BOARD REGULATION No. 9
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SUBJECT: Inclusion of A-Pyrrolidinovalerophenone or A-PVP 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, A-Pyrrolidinovalerophenone or A-PVP is a synthetic cathinone derivative and commonly referred to as a new psychoactive substance (NPS), 'research chemical', 'bath salt' or 'designer drug';

WHEREAS, according to the Critical Review Report conducted by the World Health Organization, data indicate that A-PVP is most commonly encountered in powdered and tablet form and in addition to being available in the Internet, A-PVP has also been encountered in products destined for the traditional illicit drugs market, for example, in form of 'ecstasy' tablets;

WHEREAS, the same Report also states that in cases where A-PVP use was established, neurological and cardiovascular effects consistent with an extensive psychostimulant toxidrome have been observed and included cardiotoxicity, violent behavior and display of psychotic behavior and in addition to use by traditional recreational drug users, it appears that the substance is also used by high-risk drug users including those who inject.

WHEREAS, there is no known legitimate medical, industrial, agricultural or cosmetic use of A-PVP;

WHEREAS, during the 59th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on March 2016, it was agreed that A-PVP 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 A - Pyrrolidinovalerophenone or A – PVP 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 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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