



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2
Series of 2021**

SUBJECT: ON THE ACCREDITATION AND USE OF THE INTEGRATED DRUG TEST OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM BY GOVERNMENT FORENSIC LABORATORIES

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) requested for clarification and issuance of a policy statement regarding the conduct of drug testing by government forensic laboratories during the 191st Regular Meeting of the Board (5th Special Online Session) on 17 November 2020;

WHEREAS, related to the discussion of the subject matter, a concern was raised on whether government forensic laboratories are required to submit accreditation requirements to the DOH and install the Integrated Drug Test Operations and Management Information System (IDTOMIS);

WHEREAS, Section 36 of RA No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended (the "Act"), provides that authorized drug testing shall be done by any government forensic laboratories or by any of the drug testing laboratories accredited and monitored by the Department of Health to safeguard the quality of test results;

WHEREAS, Opinion No. 94, Series of 2002 of the Department of Justice (DOJ) provides that Section 36 of the Act does not require the government forensic laboratories be subject to accreditation and monitoring of the DOH;

WHEREAS, IDTOMIS is a centralized system where all drug information and data collected by accredited drug testing laboratories from clients are stored and enables such laboratory to issue drug testing certificates with security measures to prevent tampering and falsification;

WHEREAS, IDTOMIS utilization by government forensic laboratories and accredited drug testing laboratories shall allow introduction of medical and social interventions to persons who use drugs, as reflected in their respective drug testing certificates, by the DOH and/or local government units, which is a primary component of drug demand reduction under the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy;

WHEREAS, after discussion, the Members and Permanent Consultants of the Board reiterate that the introduction and use of IDTOMIS by government forensic laboratories do not run counter to the DOJ Opinion, but accreditation by the DOH is not required under the law.

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that all government forensic laboratories are not required to be accredited and monitored by the Department of Health pursuant to Section 36 of the Act and Opinion No. 94, Series of 2002 of the Department of Justice.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all government forensic laboratories shall use the Integrated Drug Test Operations and Management Information Systems (IDTOMIS) of the Department of Health to prevent tampering and falsification of results and ensure availability of interventions to persons found positive for drug use by these government forensic laboratories.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Department of Health shall assist government forensic laboratories in installing, accessing, and using the IDTOMIS and update the Board of such activities within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Resolution.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 4th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, 2021, in Quezon City.


Secretary CATALINO S. CUY, CEO VI
Chairman

Attested by:


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Secretary of the Board