



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

BOARD REGULATION NO. 13
Series of 2025

SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF MDMA IN SCHEDULE II OF THE 1971 UN CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

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 Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 47 votes to none, with no abstentions, to include Decision 64/3 of MDMA in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances during its 6th meeting on 14 April 2021.

WHEREAS, MDMA (IUPAC Name: methyl 3,3-dimethyl-2-(1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido)butanoate) (CAS. No.2504100-70-1) is a potent synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonist with a similar mechanism of action, and similar effects to a number of other synthetic cannabinoids that are controlled under Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

WHEREAS, use of MDMA has been associated with severe adverse effects, including fatal intoxications and cases of impaired driving. It has been identified in seized material formulated for smoking, and found as white to yellow/brown powder. This substance is clandestinely manufactured, poses a risk to public health and has no recognized therapeutic use.

WHEREAS, the most likely routes of administration for MDMA in humans are inhalation via smoking the chemical after it has been sprayed onto plant material or vaping it after formulation in liquid.

WHEREAS, the 1971 UN Convention requires Parties thereof to implement control measures on substances which have been classified under its Schedules;

WHEREAS, Board Regulation No. 1, Series of 2020, prescribed the immediate adoption of changes in the scope of control of substances pursuant to the three (3) United Nations International Drug Conventions and authorized the DDB Chairman to issue a Regulation for such purpose, provided that the DDB Chairman and/or the DDB Executive Director shall inform the Board of the issuance of such Regulation.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to adopt the action of the UN-CND placing MDMA (IUPAC Name: methyl 3,3-dimethyl-2-(1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido)butanoate) and all compounds, mixtures, and preparations containing this substance, including its salts,

isomers, and salts of isomers in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and be added to the list of Dangerous Drugs, which shall be subjected to all regulatory and control measures as penal mechanisms provided for in Republic Act No. 9165, as amended and its implementing rules and regulations

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** via *ad referendum*, this 15th day of September in the year of Our Lord, 2025, in Quezon City.


Secretary OSCAR F. VALENZUELA
Chairperson

Attested by:


Undersecretary EARL P. SAAVEDRA, CESO I
Board Secretary / Executive Director V