



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

**BOARD REGULATION NO. 14
SERIES OF 2025**

SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF 4-AP, 1-Boc-4-AP AND NORFENTANYL TO THE LIST OF CONTROLLED PRECURSOR AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a party to the three (3) United Nations International Drug Control Conventions: the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and the 1988 Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

WHEREAS, the International Narcotics Control Board has the responsibility under Article 12 of the 1988 Convention to assess chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of drugs in order to determine whether they should be placed under international control. In discharge of its mandate, the Board submitted to the Chair of the Commission during its 133rd session recommending to place the three fentanyl precursors in Table I of the 1988 Convention;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted decisions 65/4, 65/5 and 65/6, on its 65th session, on March 16, 2022 by which it decided by 49 votes to none, with no abstentions, to include **4-AP, 1-Boc-4-AP and Norfentanyl** in Table I of the 1988 Convention. The scheduling decisions became fully effective on 23 November 2022, namely, 180 days after the date of communication by the Secretary-General to all parties;

WHEREAS, 4-AP (CAS Number: 23056-29-3), a substitute chemical for N-Phenethyl-4-Piperidinone (NPP) to synthesize 4-Anilino-N-Phenethylpiperidine (ANPP) which itself is and immediate precursor for the manufacture of fentanyl and some of its analogues;

WHEREAS, 1-Boc-4-AP (CAS Number: 125541-22-2), a chemically protected derivative of 4-AP, which can be converted to 4-AP, norfentanyl or a number of norfentanyl analogues. All these substances can then further be converted to fentanyl and several of its analogues.

WHEREAS, NORFENTANYL (CAS Number: 1609-66-1), is an immediate precursor or fentanyl and a number of fentanyl analogues and an immediate chemical intermediary in a synthesis process currently used by clandestine laboratory operators for the illicit manufacture of the fentanyl.

WHEREAS, fentanyl and fentanyl analogues, are very potent narcotic drugs, typically 10-100 times stronger than heroin. Their high potency continues to result in overdose deaths in users and in inadvertent exposure of law enforcement personnel and other personnel along the distribution chain;

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, provide that the DDB Chairperson and/or the DDB Executive Director shall inform the Board of the issuance of such Regulation.

WHEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to adopt the action of the UN-CND placing **4-AP (CAS Number: 23056-29-3)**, **1-Boc-4-AP (CAS Number: 125541-22-2)** **AND NORFENTANYL (CAS Number: 1609-66-1)**, including all compounds, mixtures, and preparations containing these substances, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers be classified as controlled precursor and essential chemicals which shall be subjected to all regulatory and control measures provided for in Republic Act No. 9165, as amended, its implementing rules and regulations, and the issuances of the Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Regulation are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this ___ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord, 2025, in Quezon City.


Secretary OSCAR F. VALENZUELA
Chairperson



Attested by:


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