



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD**

**BOARD REGULATION NO. 16  
SERIES OF 2025**

**SUBJECT: RECLASSIFICATION OF P-2-P METHYL GLYCIDIC ACID AND EIGHT OF ITS ESTERS (METHYL ESTER, ETHYL ESTER, PROPYL ESTER, ISOPROPYL ESTER, BUTYL ESTER, ISOBUTYL ESTER, SEC-BUTYL ESTER AND TERT-BUTYL ESTER) FROM DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the “Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002,” vests upon the Dangerous Drugs Board the authority to classify, reclassify, add to, or remove any drug and precursor from the lists of dangerous drugs and controlled precursors/essential chemicals

**WHEREAS**, Board Regulation No. 7, Series of 2025, classified p-2-p methyl glycidic acid (P2P-MGA) and eight (8) of its esters as dangerous drugs, despite their chemical nature as precursor chemicals rather than substances of direct abuse;

**WHEREAS**, Dangerous drugs are end substances with direct abuse potential while Controlled precursors, by distinction, are chemicals enabling drug manufacture, thus; reclassification will restore proportionality between the risk posed and the regulatory response;

**WHEREAS**, classification of these substances as dangerous drugs unduly equates their possession and handling with finished narcotics, creating disproportionate penalties and significant regulatory burdens and would require comprehensive criminalization and maximum penalties;

**WHEREAS**, P-2-P Methyl Glycidic Acid and its esters are chemical intermediates used for the clandestine synthesis of methamphetamine. They are not psychoactive substances nor consumed as “drugs of abuse.” Their primary risk arises from diversion into illicit drug production;

**WHEREAS**, all the nine substances are highly suitable for the illicit manufacture of P-2-P, a precursor already listed in Table I of the 1988 UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, which is in turn used in the illicit manufacture of amphetamine and methamphetamine;

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), and other jurisdictions classify glycidic derivatives of P-2-P as precursors or pre-precursors subject to monitoring and control. Therefore, harmonizing with international standards strengthens international cooperation, information sharing, and legal consistency.

**WHEREAS**, the Board decided that the appropriate classification of these substances be as Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals (CPECs) to ensure proportionality of regulatory measures, enhance enforcement efficiency, and prevent undue burden on legitimate industry and research; and subsequently reduce the quantity of amphetamine and methamphetamine manufactured illicitly from them; thereby, reframing them as controlled precursors allows regulatory agencies to better monitor, license, and track legitimate users while still penalizing diversion to illicit manufacture.

**WHEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to **Reclassify P-2-P Methyl Glycidic Acid (CAS Number: 25547-51-7), P-2-P Methyl Glycidic Acid, Methyl Ester (CAS Number: 80532-66-7), P-2-P Methyl Glycidic Acid, Ethyl Ester (CAS Number: 41232-97-7) and Six of Its Esters (Propyl Ester, Isopropyl Ester, Butyl Ester, Isobutyl Ester, Sec-Butyl Ester And Tert-Butyl Ester)**, including all compounds, mixtures, and preparations containing these substances, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers as controlled precursors 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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