



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD**

**BOARD REGULATION NO. 17  
SERIES OF 2025**

**SUBJECT: RECLASSIFICATION OF 3,4-MDP-2-P METHYL GLYCIDIC ACID AND ITS SEVEN ESTERS (ETHYL ESTER, PROPYL ESTER, ISOPROPYL ESTER, BUTYL ESTER, ISOBUTYL ESTER, SEC-BUTYL ESTER, TERT-BUTYL ESTER FROM THE LIST OF DANGEROUS DRUGS TO THE LIST OF CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the “Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002,” empowers the Dangerous Drugs Board under Section 93 to revise and update the Schedules of dangerous drugs and controlled precursors in accordance with scientific, forensic, and international developments;

**WHEREAS**, Board Regulation No. 8, series of 2025, originally placed ethyl ester of 3,4-MDP-2P methyl glycidic acid and its esters under the “dangerous drugs” list as a precautionary measure in view of the limited regulatory and scientific information available at the time of their emergence in the illicit drug trade;

**WHEREAS**, upon further international and scientific review, the DDB recognizes that these substances are not themselves abused as finished drugs, but are chemical intermediates/precursors;

**WHEREAS**, subsequent studies, international advisories, and forensic monitoring have clarified that these substances do not demonstrate psychoactive properties when subjected to human abuse, but are instead used exclusively as chemical intermediates that are readily convertible into 3,4-MDP-2P and, ultimately, 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA);

**WHEREAS**, the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) have recommended the recognition and scheduling of glycidic intermediates and their esterified derivatives as precursors rather than as finished psychotropic substances, to prevent regulatory loopholes in precursor control;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to align domestic schedules with international standards, ensure clarity for enforcement and judicial authorities, and sustain effective monitoring of these chemicals as controlled precursors, thereby strengthening national and regional capacity to interdict their diversion to the illicit manufacture of MDMA and related substances;

**WHEREAS**, scientific evidence and customs reports have demonstrated the increasing use of glycidic acid derivatives, including their ethyl esters, in circumventing international controls on traditional precursors such as 3,4-MDP-2P, consequently making them effective “masking agents” for the clandestine synthesis of dangerous drugs;

**WHEREAS**, 3,4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidic acid and its seven esters (ethyl ester, propyl ester, isopropyl ester, butyl ester, isobutyl ester, sec-butyl ester, tert-butyl ester), are precursor already listed in Table I of the 1988 UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

**WHEREAS**, The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) have issued alerts concerning emerging non-scheduled precursors and their esterified derivatives, underscoring the need for member-states, including the Philippines, to close regulatory gaps that are exploited by illicit drug syndicates;

**WHEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to **Reclassify 3,4-MDP-2-P Methyl Glycidic Acid (CAS Number: 2167189-50-4), Ethyl Ester (CAS Number:28578-16-7) and Its Six Esters (propyl ester, isopropyl ester, butyl ester, isobutyl ester, sec-butyl ester, 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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