



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 3
Series of 2026**

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF 320 DRUMS OF UNLICENSED HYDROCHLORIC ACID (HCL) VIA DONATION OR DESTRUCTION FOLLOWING PUBLIC AUCTION FAILURE

WHEREAS, the shipment of Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) 35% concentration, by the importer, Juchem Enterprise, arrived at Mindanao International Container Port, Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental from India on January 31, 2017, and was seized by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) for lack of proper license for importation and permit;

WHEREAS, the shipment of HCl 35% was referred to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Regional Office X who filed a Petition praying, among others, that the shipment be sold through public auction, which was granted on March 16, 2021 by the Regional Trial Court Branch 40, Cagayan De Oro City;

WHEREAS, Dangerous Drugs Board Regulation No. 1, Series of 2002, with subject "Guidelines on the Custody and Disposition of Seized Dangerous Drugs, Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals, and Laboratory Equipment," specifically Section 8(b) and (c), mandates that a committee shall be created to determine whether the seized drugs, controlled chemical or laboratory equipment in the custody of PDEA is still suitable for medical, scientific or training purpose or lawful commerce;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Dangerous Drugs Board Regulation No. 9, Series of 2025, the Committee for the Assessment of Seized Controlled Chemicals and Laboratory Equipment was re-organized composed of representatives from the Dangerous Drugs Board as Chairperson; PDEA as Vice Chairperson; and Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) and Department of Health (DOH) – Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as Members;

WHEREAS, the Committee is tasked or mandated to evaluate whether the seized controlled chemicals and laboratory equipment is fit for potential utilization in medical, scientific, training, or other lawful purposes;

WHEREAS, the Committee has conducted a series of meetings and, through the PDEA Regional Office X, has coordinated and engaged subject matter experts from the DOST, DENR, and Bureau of Fire Protection to assist the Committee in determining the viability of the seized hydrochloric acid and recommend its safe storage and disposal;

WHEREAS, the laboratory testing conducted by the DOST on the seized hydrochloric acid resulted to 36.81% concentration, indicating a highly concentrated and corrosive solution still suitable for medical, scientific, training, or other lawful use;

WHEREAS, the Committee unanimously agreed to sell the 320 drums of hydrochloric acid through a public auction, in compliance with the order of the court dated March 16, 2021;

WHEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** as it is hereby **RESOLVED** to adopt the findings of the Committee declaring the suitability of the seized 320 drums of hydrochloric acid for potential utilization in medical, scientific, training or other lawful purposes;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that in the event that the public auction fails, the Board grants authority to PDEA to file the necessary petition before the appropriate court to dispose of the seized 320 drums of hydrochloric acid by way of donation to qualified government agencies or to destroy the same, as a final recourse, in conformity with existing DDB Board Regulations on the proper disposal of seized Dangerous Drugs and Controlled Precursors and Essential Chemicals (CPECs), as well as applicable regulatory requirements of PDEA.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 28th day of January 2026 in Quezon City, Philippines.


Secretary OSCAR F. VALENZUELA
Chairperson



Attested by:


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