[BOARD REGULATION NO. 1, February 15, 2018]

AMENDING SECTION 1 OF BOARD REGULATION NO 4, S . OF 2005 "RECLASSIFYING EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE AS DANGEROUS DRUGS" BY INCLUDING THE ISOMERS AND SALTS OF ISOMERS OF EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE AND BY INCLUDING FURTHER THEIR HALOGENATED AND ALKYLATED FORMS THEREOF AND THE SALTS, ISOMERS, AND SALTS OF ISOMERS OF THESE FORMS AS WELL AS ANY MATERIAL, COMPOUND, MIXTURE OR PREPARATIONS CONTAINING THE SAME, IN THE LIST OF DANGEROUS DRUGS

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WHEREAS, Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine are precursors under Table I of the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 93, Article XI of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002" , the Board is given the power to reclassify, add to or remove any chemical from the list of dangerous drugs;

WHEREAS, the Dangerous Drugs Board, in Board Regulation No. 4, series of 2005, has reclassified Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine as dangerous drugs;

WHEREAS, there have been a total of 358.1083 kgs of chloroephedrine, a halogenated form of ephedrine, seized in July 2016 by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA);

WHEREAS, illicit drug manufacturers are continuously experimenting with and synthesizing various forms of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine for use in methamphetamine manufacture and the PDEA needs to be proactive against these   illegal drugs manufacturers by including all forms of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.

WHEREAS, halogenated forms (containing chlorine, bromine , iodine, fluorine, and alkylated forms (containing branched chain carbon atoms) of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine can conceivably be used as precursors for the manufacture of methamphetamine;

WHEREAS, the PDEA recommended that the above forms of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine be likewise reclassified as dangerous drugs;

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to amend Section 1 of