

**[ DDB BOARD REGULATION NO. 4, July 19, 2005 ]**

**RECLASSIFYING EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRIN AS DANGEROUS DRUGS**

WHEREAS, Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine or any of their salts, as well as preparations containing any of the said drugs are included in the list of controlled precursors and essential chemicals;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) recommended that said precursor and essential chemicals be re-classified as dangerous drugs;

WHEREAS, said recommendation was adopted in a public hearing conducted by this Board on June 14, 2005;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 93, Article XI of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", the Board hereby promulgate as follows:

*SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION OF EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE AS DANGEROUS DRUGS* - All raw materials of Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine of any of their salts, as well as preparations containing any of the said drugs are hereby reclassified as DANGEROUS DRUGS.

*SECTION 2. EXEMPTION.* Section 1 hereof shall not apply to a preparation containing Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine or any of their salts under such preparation:

- a. is so compounded as to present negligible risk of abuse;
- b. can not be readily extracted or removed from the preparation by any means and the Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine or any of its salts thus extracted or removed is of a quality susceptible to abuse;
- c. contains one or more non-narcotic or non-psychotic active medical ingredient in proportion sufficient to prevent enhancement or potentiation or synergism of the abuse liability of Ephedrine or Pseudoephedrine, or any of its salts;
- d. is devoid of any narcotic drug or another psychotropic substance under Schedule I of the 1972 Convention on Psychotropic Substances or another psycho-active drugs not under domestic or international control but with known abuse potential, and
- e. is not injectable forms.

*SECTION 3. EFFECT OF PRESENCE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES* - When the contents of the subject preparation containing Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine or any of their salts is in association / combination with dangerous drugs, said preparation shall be deemed to be a dangerous drug.