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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 70 s. 1989

SUBJECT: Re-classifying Pseudoephedrine and Drug Products Containing Pseudoephedrine as Prescription Drugs.

Whereas, Pseudoephedrine and Drugs containing Pseudoephedrine are currently classified as over-the-counter drugs;

Whereas, over-the-counter drugs are accessible to the general public including children as these drugs are sold with or without a physician's prescription;

Whereas, Pseudoephedrine causes central nervous system stimulation;

Whereas, because of the central nervous system stimulation caused by Pseudoephedrine and drug product containing Pseudoephedrine the same have been abused;

Whereas, there is a need to control the marketing of Pseudoephedrine and products containing Pseudoephedrine in order to prevent its abuse by the consuming public especially the youth;

Whereas, Pseudoephedrine and Products containing Pseudoephedrine are not safe unless their use is supervised by and under the direction of physician;


Whereas, the Dangerous Drugs Board in Resolution No. 2 s. 1988 issued on March 17, 1988 recommends the classification of Pseudoephedrine and Drug Products containing Pseudoephedrine as Prescription Drugs.

Now therefore, pursuant to Sec. 26(a) and Sec. 3(b) of R.A. 3720 as amended the undersigned upon the recommendation of the Director of the Bureau of Food and Drugs hereby order as follows:

Section 1. Pseudoephedrine and Drug Products containing Pseudoephedrine are hereby classified as Prescription Drugs and may be dispensed only upon a written prescription of a validly registered physician.

Section 2. This order supercedes, repeals and recinds all previous orders issued which are inconsistent herewith.

Section 3. This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.


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Secretary of Health