

PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF CHEMISTRY

Resolution No. _____

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CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE CHEMISTRY PROFESSION

Pursuant to its powers and functions under Sections 7 (i) and 47 of Republic Act No. 10657, otherwise known as the “Chemistry Profession Act”, the Professional Regulatory Board of Chemistry, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, hereby adopts and promulgates this “Code of Ethics for the Chemistry Profession”.

The Chemistry profession plays an important role in the welfare and progress of the Philippines and human society in general. To maintain the honor, integrity, and dignity of the Chemistry profession, the Board has promulgated this Code of Ethics which defines and sets forth the rules of professional conduct for the proper observance and guidance of all Chemistry professionals in the Philippines.

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Section 1. Chemists shall adhere to the Philippine Constitution, Republic Act No. 8981 (the PRC Modernization Act of 2000), and Republic Act No. 10657 (the Chemistry Profession Act), and other pertinent laws, as well as the implementing rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to such laws.

Section 2. Chemists shall uphold public interest and welfare at all times.

Section 3. They shall endeavor to contribute to national development through the practice of their profession.

Section 4. They are expected to be stewards of the environment. They shall follow the laws, rules and regulations pertaining to chemical waste management, and disposal. They shall continuously endeavor to prevent or minimize pollution, protect the environment, and conserve Nature’s bounty and resources.

Section 5. All Chemistry professionals have the obligation to safeguard and to advance the professional practice of Chemistry, and to abide and conform to the principles of ethical conduct herein set forth.

Section 6. Chemists are encouraged to share their knowledge with society through publication in popular media and scientific journals, and contribute actively in popular, scientific and technical conferences.

Section 7. They shall properly evaluate the technical merit of all requests related to their professional practice and should advise clients or employers of the feasibility and cost of the work before the same is undertaken. They should be conservative in their estimates, especially so if these pertain to the promotion of business enterprises.

Section 8. They shall be fair and reasonable in the conduct of all their professional activities in whatever role, whether as employer, subordinate or employee, contractor, etc. As employer, Chemists should provide a safe, congenial working environment, fair compensation, opportunities for advancement, and properly acknowledge the scientific or technical contributions of co-workers.

Section 9. They shall prepare reports, testimonies, and statements fairly and accurately.

Section 10. Chemists in the academe should regard the tutelage of students as a trust given by society for the promotion of the students' learning and professional development. Students should be treated fairly and respectfully. The safety of students should be ensured at all times

II. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Section 11. Chemists shall abide by the rules duly promulgated by the Professional Regulation Commission and the Board of Chemistry.

Section 12. They are obliged to become active members of the Accredited Professional Organization (APO) for the Chemistry profession. They shall actively participate in the activities of the APO.

Section 13. They shall not act in any manner or engage in any activity or practice that may tend to discredit or bring to disrepute the profession.

Section 14. They shall not engage in any work which, by its nature is illegal or immoral, nor aid, assist or cooperate with those who are so engaged. They shall safeguard the use of their knowledge and not allow the improper use of their name, license, or authority. They shall refrain from associating with persons or entities of questionable character or reputation.

Section 15. They shall not use false or misleading statements in connection with their professional qualifications, credentials, skills or expertise.

Section 16. They shall disclose situations where actual or potential conflict of interest may arise.

Violation of any of the Specific Provisions of Ethical Conduct shall constitute unethical and unprofessional conduct and shall, therefore, be considered as a sufficient cause for the revocation of the Certificate of Registration or suspension from the practice of the profession of a Chemistry professional in accordance with Section 29 of Republic Act No. 10657.

This Code shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Done this ____ day of _____, 2015 in the City of Manila.

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