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PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF CHEMISTRY
Resolution No. **02** (s 2020)

PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF PHARMACY
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**JOINT RESOLUTION ON AUTHORITY TO SIGN ANALYSIS CERTIFICATION OF
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND THEIR RAW MATERIALS, FOOD/DIETARY
SUPPLEMENTS, HEALTH SUPPLEMENTS AND COSMETICS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 10657 or the Chemistry Profession Act was passed into law on 27 March 2015;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 10918 or the Philippine Pharmacy Act was passed into law on 21 July 2016;

WHEREAS, RA No. 10657 enumerates the acts constituting the professional practice of Chemistry, viz: **performance of a chemical analysis or chemical synthesis**; and **certification of a chemical analysis or chemical synthesis**, among others (*Section 4, Article I*). The law further provides that the scope of the professional practice of chemical analysis shall be limited to the performance of physico-chemical or biochemical analysis, chemical or biochemical synthesis, and sale of chemicals, chemical apparatus or chemical equipment: *Provided*, that such activities are under the supervision of a registered chemist. Any report on chemical analysis or synthesis must be signed by and bear the license number of the chemical technician who performed the analysis (*Section 5, Article I*);

WHEREAS, the following are within the scope of the professional practice of Pharmacy under RA No. 10918: preparation, compounding or manufacture, preservation, storage, distribution, procurement, sale, or dispensing, or both, **of any pharmaceutical product¹ or its raw materials; chemical, biological or microbiological analyses and assay of pharmaceutical products, food/dietary supplements², health supplements³, and cosmetics⁴**; and **physico-chemical analyses for medical devices used in aid of administration of pharmaceutical products** (*Section 4, Article I*);

WHEREAS, RA No. 10657 states that unless exempt from registration or from the requirements of the said Act, no person shall practice or offer to practice as chemist or chemical technician in the Philippines, without having previously obtained a valid certificate of registration and a professional identification card (*Section 14, Article III and Section 38, Article IV*);

WHEREAS, RA No. 10918 prohibits any person from practicing the pharmacy profession without a valid Certificate of Registration (COR), Professional Identification Card (PIC) or Special Temporary Permit (STP) (*Section 46, Article VII*);

WHEREAS, RA No. 10657 states: "A duly licensed professional chemist cannot be prevented from the practice of chemistry if the work is within the scope of the practice of chemistry or

¹ shall refer to drugs, medicines, biologicals, pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products/specialties, veterinary products, veterinary biologics and veterinary medicinal products

² shall refer to processed food products intended to supplement the diet that bears or contains one (1) or more of the following dietary ingredients: vitamins, minerals, herbs, or other botanicals, amino acids, and dietary substances to increase the total daily intake in amounts conforming to the latest Philippine-recommended energy and nutrient intakes or internationally agreed minimum daily requirements. It usually is in the form of capsules, tablets, liquids, gels, powders, or pills and not represented for use as a conventional food or as the sole item of a meal or diet or replacement of drugs and medicines, as defined under Republic Act No. 9711

³ shall refer to any product that is used to maintain, enhance and improve the healthy function of the human body and contains one (1) or more or a combination of the following: (1) herbal fatty acids, enzymes, probiotics, and other bioactive substances; and (2) substances derived from natural sources, including animal, plant, mineral, and botanical materials in the form of extracts, isolates, concentrates, metabolites, synthetic sources of substances mentioned in (1) and (2). It is presented in dosage forms or in small unit doses such as capsules, tablets, powder, liquids and it shall not include any sterile preparations (i.e. injectibles, eyedrops)

⁴ shall refer to a substance or preparation intended to be placed in contact with the various external parts of the human body or with the teeth and the mucous membranes of the oral cavity, with a view exclusively or mainly to cleaning them, perfuming them, changing their appearance and/or correcting body odor, and/or protecting the body or keeping them in good condition, as defined under Republic Act No. 9711

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chemical analysis. Likewise, ***this Act shall not prevent the practice of any legally recognized allied profession: Provided, that the activity is within the scope of the allied profession (Section 41, Article IV);***

WHEREAS, RA No. 10918 states that there are activities falling within the scope of practice of the Pharmacy profession ***which are not exclusive to licensed pharmacists*** such as ***chemical, biological or microbiological analyses and assay of pharmaceutical products, food/dietary supplements, health supplements, and cosmetics***; and ***physico-chemical analyses for medical devices used in aid of administration of pharmaceutical products***; (Section 4, Article I);

WHEREAS, the Chemistry Licensure Examination and the Pharmacists Licensure Examination cover common subjects such as Inorganic Chemistry and Organic Chemistry, except that the latter is confined to the area of pharmaceutical;

WHEREAS, based on the pertinent provisions of RA No. 10657 and RA No. 10918, chemists and pharmacists are allowed to perform analysis of pharmaceutical products and their raw materials, food/dietary supplements, health supplements and cosmetics;

WHEREAS, there are requests for clarification on the scope of practice of chemists *vis-à-vis* pharmacists with respect to the signing of analysis certification of pharmaceutical products and their raw materials, food/dietary supplements, health supplements and cosmetics;

WHEREAS, in the 30 August 2019 meeting of the Boards of Chemistry and Pharmacy, it was clarified that the analysis of pharmaceutical products and their raw materials, food/dietary supplements, health supplements and cosmetics are within the competence and scope of practice of the two (2) professions.

ON THE FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS, the Boards jointly **RESOLVE** that chemists and pharmacists can validly sign analysis certification of pharmaceutical products and their raw materials, food/dietary supplements, health supplements and cosmetics before the same is released for public use or consumption. Thus, outside the production process, such as analysis of a product already in the market, for authenticity/contamination tests or other purposes, certification of the analysis has to be done by a chemist.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately following its publication.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished the Accredited Integrated Professional Organizations of the Chemistry and Pharmacy professions.

Done this **23rd** day of **December** 2020, City of Manila.

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