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**ADOPTION, ISSUANCE AND PROMULGATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS
FOR THE CHEMISTRY PRACTITIONERS**

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 (Board), with the approval of the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission), hereby adopts, issues and promulgates this Code of Ethics for the Chemistry Practitioners.

The Chemistry profession plays an important role in the advancement of the welfare of the Filipino nation and of the general human population. To maintain the honor, integrity, and dignity in the practice of the Chemistry profession, this Code of Ethics is being issued to define and prescribe the rules of professional conduct for the proper observance by all Chemistry practitioners in the Philippines.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Section 1. All Chemistry practitioners shall have the obligation to abide and conform to the standards of practice of the Chemistry profession as well as to the ethical principles of conduct that are herein set forth.

Section 2. As citizens of the Philippines, they shall faithfully observe all the laws, policies, rules and legal orders issued by duly constituted authorities of the Philippines.

Section 3. 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 the nature's bounty and resources.

Section 4. They shall endeavor to contribute to national development through the practice of their profession.

Section 5. They shall undertake the professional practice of Chemistry only when in possession of a valid Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification Card issued by the Board and the Commission.

SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES

Article I. Responsibility to the Society

Section 1. All Chemistry practitioners shall place as their priority their responsibility to the society. They shall use their profession as Chemists or Chemical Technicians to safeguard public interest and welfare.

Section 2. They shall aspire to live up to the highest standards of ethical and moral conduct, both in their personal and professional dealings.

Section 3. They shall neither engage in any work which is illegal or immoral nor aid, assist or cooperate with those who are so engaged. They shall refrain from associating with persons or entities of questionable character or reputation.

Section 4. They shall endeavor to report to competent authorities any illegal or unscrupulous activity or transaction that they may have personal knowledge of as part of their social commitment and responsibility.

Article II. Responsibility to the Clients and the Profession

Section 1. All Chemistry practitioners shall commit themselves to the highest degree of professionalism, excellence, competence, and integrity in the practice of their profession.

Section 2. They shall pursue professional activities that will benefit the profession. In this light, they shall apply and share their technical expertise in activities that will benefit the Chemistry profession and the society as a whole. They shall further aspire to engage into research works that will upgrade the professional practice of Chemistry.

Section 3. They shall uphold and abide by the policies, rules and regulations on the professional practice as may be promulgated by the Board and the Commission. They shall also adhere to the internationally-accepted standards of practice, including occupational, health and safety standards, in the discharge of their professional duties.

Section 4. They shall conduct their transactions/dealings with their employers, subordinates, contractors, or clients in a fair and reasonable manner.

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Section 5. They shall refrain from using false or misleading statements in connection with their professional qualifications, credentials, skills or expertise. They shall only render services for which they are competent to undertake by virtue of their education, training and experience.

Section 6. They shall provide professional services strictly within the scope of the Chemistry practice.

Section 7. They shall prepare reports, testimony, and statements in connection with their practice in a fair and accurate manner.

Section 8. They shall disclose to their clients cases/instances where actual or potential conflict of interest may arise.

Section 9. They shall properly advise clients or employers of the feasibility and cost of the work before the same is undertaken. They shall charge professional fees commensurate to the extent and nature of the services to be performed.

Section 10. They shall hold in confidence all information obtained in the course of their professional practice and shall only disclose such information in accordance with the law.

Section 11. They shall not allow their names or licenses to be used as a means to abet, aid or assist the illegal practice of the Chemistry profession.

Section 12. They shall not act in any manner or engage in any activity that may tend to discredit or bring to disrepute the profession.

Section 13. They shall participate in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs and activities in order to maintain technical proficiency and competence in the practice. Compliance with the CPD requirement is necessary in order to renew the Professional Identification Cards of all Chemistry practitioners.

Article III. Responsibility to Professional Colleagues

Section 1. All Chemistry practitioners shall accord due respect to the professional image and standing of their colleagues. They shall not debase or demean the reputation, honor, capability and privacy of a colleague to aggrandize themselves. They shall not unduly injure, directly or indirectly, the reputation, prospects or business of a colleague.

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Section 2. They shall foster unity, harmony, synergy and solidarity among their colleagues in the profession.

Section 3. They shall cooperate and work together with their professional colleagues to further enhance the standards of the Chemistry practice in the country.

Section 4. They shall endeavor to become role models to their colleagues.

Section 5. They shall give due credit to an associate or subordinate for work that is pertaining to the latter and shall not ascribe to oneself work that rightfully belongs to another.

Section 6. They shall be vigilant in policing their ranks. As such, they shall endeavor to report or bring to the knowledge of the Board, Commission and/or other appropriate legal authorities any violation of R. A. No. 8981, R. A. No. 10657, this Code of Ethics or any other relevant policy committed by a colleague in the profession.

**Article III. Responsibility to the
Accredited Professional Organization (APO)**

Section 1. All Chemistry practitioners are obliged to maintain active membership in the Accredited Professional Organization (APO) for the Chemistry profession, and to participate in the activities of the latter.

Section 2. They are encouraged to share their knowledge through publication in popular media, including but not limited to scientific journals and researches. They shall aspire to contribute actively in scientific and technical conferences organized by the APO and/or other scientific or technical societies.

Section 3. They shall promote and support, in coordination with the APO, activities and programs aimed at elevating the standards of practice of the Chemistry profession and of the entire industry.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Violation of any of the provisions of this Code of Ethics 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 in accordance with Section 29 of Republic Act No. 10657.

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

Let copies hereof be distributed to the U. P. Law Center, Integrated Chemists of the Philippines (ICP), and all other relevant offices, agencies or associations for information.

Done this 1st day of September, 2016 in the City of Manila.

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