



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 23-2023

TO : ALL SECOND LEVEL COURTS HANDLING DRUG CASES

SUBJECT: BOARD REGULATION NO. 6 SERIES OF 2021 OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD (RE: GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 20 OF RA 9165, OR THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY THE LAST PARAGRAPH THEREOF, COVERING THE NECESSARY COST FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF SEIZED ITEM/S PENDING TRIAL OF THE CASE, AND THE SUBSEQUENT AWARD OF THE CONFISCATED PROPERTY/ITEMS OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN FAVOR OF THE OPERATING UNIT AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES)

For the information, guidance, and strict observance of all concerned second level courts, appended herein as Annex "A" is the Board Regulation No. 6 Series of 2021 of the Dangerous Drugs Board (Re: Guidelines on the Implementation of Section 20 of RA 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, As Amended, Specifically the Last Paragraph Thereof, Covering the Necessary Cost for the Maintenance and Preservation of Seized Item/s Pending Trial of the Case, and the Subsequent Award of the Confiscated Property/Items of Lawful Commerce in Favor of the Operating Unit and for Other Lawful Purposes).

Particular attention should be given to the following quoted provision of the subject board regulation:

Section 5. After conviction in the Regional Trial Court in the appropriate criminal case filed, the Court shall immediately schedule a hearing for the confiscation and forfeiture of all the proceeds of the offense and all the assets and properties of the accused either owned or held by him or in the name of some other persons if the same shall be found to be manifestly out of proportion to his/her lawful income.

23 January 2023


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