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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 5th August 2014 and assented to by the President on 10th September 2014:—

### **TRANSBOUNDARY HAZE POLLUTION ACT 2014**

**(No. 24 of 2014)**

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**No. 24 of 2014.**

I assent.



TONY TAN KENG YAM,  
*President.*  
*10th September 2014.*

An Act concerning conduct which causes or contributes to haze pollution in Singapore, and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I  
PRELIMINARY

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Agency” means the National Environment Agency established under section 3 of the National Environment Agency Act (Cap. 195);

“air quality index”, for any area, means a number that describes, through such periodic recording and methodology as the Agency approves, the presence and movement of pollutants and particles in the air environment outdoors in that area relative to the health, well-being, needs and purposes of human beings;

“authorised officer” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Environmental Protection and Management Act (Cap. 94A);

“conduct” means any act or omission, any series of acts or omissions, or both;

“conduct which causes or contributes to any haze pollution in Singapore” includes lighting fires outdoors for or in connection with any farming operation or forestry operation and leaving unattended such fires;

“Director-General” means the Director-General of Environmental Protection appointed under section 3(1) of the Environmental Protection and Management Act;

“document” includes —

- (a) any map, plan, graph or drawing;
- (b) any photograph;

- (c) any label, marking or other writing which identifies or describes anything of which it forms a part, or to which it is attached by any means whatsoever;
- (d) any disc, tape or other article or any material from which sounds, images, writings or messages are capable of being produced or reproduced (with or without the aid of another article or device); and
- (e) any paper or other material on which there are marks, impressions, figures, letters, symbols or perforations having a meaning for persons qualified to interpret them;

“engage in conduct” means engage, whether directly or indirectly, in conduct either alone or together with any other person or persons;

“entity” means any sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or other body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate;

“farming operations” means activities carried out for the purpose —

- (a) of establishing a plantation or farm (such as the clearing of land, or the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers); or
- (b) of securing —
  - (i) the production on the land (whether by sowing seed or otherwise), on an on-going basis, of food or other produce; or
  - (ii) the commercial breeding of livestock or poultry on land,

and includes the provision of roads and trails, and the maintenance of existing railways, to enable or assist in the operations and activities referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) or both;

“forestry operations” means —

- (a) logging operations;