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

[25 September 2014]

**PART 1****PRELIMINARY****Short title**

1. This Act is the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act 2014.

**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 2002;

“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, wellbeing, needs and purposes of human beings;

“authorised officer” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Environmental Protection and Management Act 1999;

“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 1999;

“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;
- (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 of —

- (a) establishing a plantation or farm (such as the clearing of land, or the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers); or