



WILMAR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Response to Reports concerning Forest and Land Fires in Indonesia

Wilmar International Limited (“**Wilmar**” or the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) refers to recent reports concerning forest and peatland fires in Indonesia and the resulting transboundary haze affecting Malaysia and Singapore. The Company wishes to set out the Group’s position and its fire prevention and management measures.

1. No Burning Policy

Wilmar has maintained a strict No Burning Policy across all its operations since 2006. The policy prohibits the use of fire for land preparation, land clearing or development activities, all of which are carried out by mechanical means rather than burning. The policy applies to Wilmar’s subsidiaries and third-party suppliers. Non-compliance by suppliers may result in the termination of commercial relationships.

2. No new planting in Wilmar-owned plantations in Indonesia since 2013

Wilmar has not undertaken any new oil palm planting in Wilmar-owned plantations in Indonesia since 2013. Since then, the Group’s field activities in Indonesia have been limited to the replanting of existing planted areas, which is carried out mechanically and without the use of fire.

3. Fire prevention and management framework

Wilmar has established and implements a comprehensive fire prevention and management framework across its operations, including in Indonesia:

Fire prevention

- Water management measures, especially in peat areas where applicable
- Maintenance of firefighting infrastructure, resources, tools and equipment
- Continuous training and programmes for employees and firefighting teams

Hotspot monitoring and early detection

- 24/7 satellite-based monitoring of Wilmar’s concessions and of surrounding areas within a 5 km buffer zone beyond concession boundaries
- Routine patrols and surveillance within operational areas, especially areas identified as high risk
- Ground verification of every hotspot alert

Firefighting resources, capacity and rapid response

- Dedicated on-site firefighting teams
- Firefighting infrastructure, resources, tools and equipment kept ready and maintained at operational units
- Established rapid-response procedures to contain and extinguish fires, supported by regular training programmes

Community and multistakeholder engagement

- Participation in fire prevention initiatives such as the Fire Free Alliance, which focuses on community engagement and awareness programmes that promote alternatives to the use of fire
- Partnerships with local communities, authorities and other stakeholders to strengthen fire prevention, detection and mitigation at the landscape level

4. Taking actions on-the-ground

The prolonged dry conditions associated with El Niño have significantly increased fire risk this year. While fires have been detected within small areas of some of the Group's concession areas in Indonesia, the Group's field verification to date indicates that these fires originated either outside the Group's concession boundaries or on community-farmed land within them, and subsequently spread into areas under the Group's management. Upon detecting these fires, the Group's firefighting teams, working with local authorities and communities, will take the necessary measures to contain and extinguish them. To-date, all such fires were put out quickly.

5. Commitment

Wilmar recognises the serious impact of the haze on communities in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, and will continue to work with governments, communities and industry partners to prevent fires across the wider landscape. The Company will continue to monitor the situation and will make further announcements as and when there are material developments.

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