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CASE supports call by SMF to take action

The Consumers Association of Singapore (CASE) is extremely concerned about the way consumers are suffering from the haze by Indonesia every year. We are aware of their unhappiness over this situation and strongly believe that the companies responsible should be held accountable for their slash-and-burn activities in clearing the land. As such, we firmly support the Singapore Manufacturers Federation (SMF) call for decisive actions to be taken.

It is clear that many consumers have experienced difficulties in carrying out their daily activities. They have also incurred additional expenses from the purchasing of face masks and air purifiers to filter out the haze as well as an increase to their utilities bill by the need to switch on air conditioners and air purifiers at their homes and offices. This increases the financial burden on low-income households.

This kind of reprehensible conduct is prejudicial to the health of consumers and should be strongly condemned. Some consumers also suffer severely as they are sensitive to haze dust in particular. We do not think that we should take this lightly and allow these companies to continuously pollute our air every year.

As a Consumer Body, CASE will support SMF's call to take action against these irresponsible companies that caused the haze problem through their illegal burning tactics.

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