

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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Number: S.494/MENLHK-PHPL/2015

Attachment:

Re.: Prohibition to Open Peatlands

Hon.

1. Heads of Companies Holding IUPHHK-HTI/HA/RE
2. Heads of Companies Holding Plantation Business Licenses

In: Indonesia

Following up on a Cabinet Meeting led by the President of the Republic of Indonesia on Friday, 23 October 2015 and in the course of preventing and controlling fires in forest and peatland areas, we convey the following matters:

1. Determination of Government policy that there shall no longer be any new clearing or exploitation of peatlands. Thus, development of forestry and plantation businesses shall no longer involve clearing of peatlands.
2. The Government shall also determine conservation (*lindung*) and peatland cultivation zones in peatland areas.
3. On the issue of peatlands on which plantation work has already been conducted, such work shall henceforth be managed using eco-hydro technology based on hydrologic units.
4. In relation to the above, you are to implement reorganization/revision of your Business Work Plan (*Rencana Kerja Usaha – RKU*) and Annual Work Plan (*Rencana Kerja Tahunan – RKT*) in regards management of forests and plantations in accordance with prevailing regulations.
5. Going forward, you are to improve efforts to secure work areas in order to reduce the potential of forest and field fires occurring and to take steps to prevent and effect countermeasures in regards such potential.

We have thus conveyed the above for your attention and implementation to the best of your abilities.

Minister of Environment and Forestry

Dr. Ir. Siti Nurbaya, M.Sc

CC:

1. Coordinating Minister for Political, Law and Security Affairs;

2. Minister of Home Affairs;
3. Minister of Agriculture;
4. Minister of Agrarian and Spatial Affairs;
5. Governors across Indonesia.