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MEMORANDUM

- TO: All Retirement Boards
- FROM: Thomas J. O'Donnell, Compliance Officer
- RE: Tobacco Company List
- DATE: March 9, 2016

On October 22, 1997 PERAC Memo #37/1997 informed you of the adoption of Chapter 119 of the Acts of 1997. That statute prohibits retirement systems from making any new investments in stocks, securities, or other obligations of any company which derives more than 15% of its revenue from the sale of tobacco products. On December 18, 1997 PERAC sent Memo #48 regarding the implementation of Chapter 119 and the first Tobacco Company List.

Enclosed please find a Tobacco Company List dated April 2016. This list replaces any other Tobacco Company List previously sent to your board and is effective upon receipt by the retirement boards. Most of these companies appeared on previous lists and such investments were prohibited from the time the companies first appeared on the list. Please forward a copy to your investment advisors or inform them that this list is available on the PERAC Home Page under the Investment Unit's 2016 Memo Index. In communicating with your investment advisors, please inform them that the Tobacco Company List is only for their Massachusetts public fund clients and that any other use of the list is strictly prohibited.

As part of its audit process, PERAC will assess the portfolio of each board to determine compliance. That review will determine if the board, after January 13, 1998, has purchased stock, securities, or other obligations of any company which derives more than 15% of its revenue from the sale of tobacco products. In the event a portfolio is not in compliance, the board must bring the portfolio into compliance by divesting in a prudent manner. Prior to taking any action, the board shall consult with PERAC.

In applying the statute to pooled funds, PERAC will assess the 15% rule against the entire pool as the board is purchasing shares in the pool not the individual holdings of the pool. Thus a pooled fund, if in violation of this standard, will be included on the list.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Enclosure



TOBACCO COMPANY LIST APRIL 2016

COMPANY

COUNTRY

22nd Century Group, Inc. Alliance One International, Inc. Altria Group, Inc. AMCON Distributing Company American Heritage International Inc. **Caesars Acquisition Company** Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc. Electronic Cigarettes International Group, Ltd Gilla Inc. Icon Vapor Inc. Philip Morris International Inc. Rapid Fire Marketing, Inc. Reynolds American Inc. Schweitzer Mauduit International, Inc. Smokefree Innotec Inc Universal Corporation Vapor Corp. Vapor Group Inc. Vapor Hub International Inc. Vector Group Ltd. Wee-Cig International Corp

Bangladesh Leaf Tobacco Co. Ltd. British American Tobacco Bangladesh Co. Ltd.

Fabrika Duhana Sarajevo dd Sarajevo

Bulgartabac Holding AD Gotse Delchev Tabac AD Gotse Delchev Isperih BT AD Isperih Sofia Nicotiana BT Holding AD Sofia Pazardzhik BTM AD-Pazardzhik Shumen Tabac AD Shumen Sila Holding Plc Slantse Stara Zagora Tabak AD Stara Zagora Sofia Bulgartaback AD Sofia Stara Planina Hold AD Sofia Yuri Gagarin AD Plovdiv

George Weston Limited

United States United States

Bangladesh Bangladesh

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria

Canada

COMPANY

COUNTRY

Kimree Inc. Mudanjiang Hengfeng Paper Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Jinjia Color Printing Group Co., Ltd. Shiner International Inc	China China China China
Adris Grupa dd Hrvatski Duhani dd	Croatia Croatia
CTO PCL	Cyprus
Philip Morris CR as	Czech Republic
Eastern Co SAE	Egypt
Christian Dior S.E.	France
Karelia Tobacco Company Inc SA	Greece
Century City International Holdings Limited China Flavors and Fragrances Co Ltd. Huabao International Holdings Ltd. Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited Sheen Tai Holdings Group Co. Ltd.	Hong Kong Hong Kong Hong Kong Hong Kong Hong Kong
Godfrey Phillips India Limited Golden Tobacco Ltd. ITC Limited NTC Industries Ltd. Sinnar Bidi Udyog Ltd Virat Crane Industries Ltd VST Industries Limited	India India India India India India India
PT Bentoel Internasional Investama Tbk PT Gudang Garam Tbk PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna Tbk Wismilak Inti Makmur Tbk PT Societe Ivoirienne des Tabacs SA	Indonesia Indonesia Indonesia Indonesia
	Ivory Coast
Carreras Ltd	Jamaica
ITOCHU Corporation Japan Tobacco Inc. Mitsubishi Corporation	Japan Japan Japan
Al-Eqbal Investment Company PSC Jordanian Duty Free Shops PSC Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC	Jordan Jordan Jordan

COMPANY	<u>COUNTRY</u>
British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd	Kenya
Tutunski Kombinat AD Prilep	Macedonia
Press Corporation Ltd.	Malawi
7 Eleven Malaysia Holdings Bhd Bright Packaging Industry Bhd British American Tobacco (Malaysia) Berhad Sime Darby Berhad	Malaysia Malaysia Malaysia Malaysia
Duvanski Kombinat ad Podgorica u stecaju	Montenegro
British American Tobacco Holdings (The Netherlands) B.V.	Netherlands
Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd. Pakistan Tobacco Company Ltd. Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited	Pakistan Pakistan Pakistan
Jerusalem Cigarette Co Ltd	Palestinian Territory
LT Group, Inc.	Philippines
Kingdom Holding Company	Saudi Arabia
British American Tobacco Vranje ad Vranje Coka Duvanska Industrija ad Coka Duvanska industrija ad Bujanovac Philip Morris Operations a.d. Nis	Serbia Serbia Serbia Serbia
New Toyo International Holdings Ltd	Singapore
Hosken Consolidated Investments Limited	South Africa
KT&G Corporation Nongshim Holdings Co., Ltd. SK Chemicals Company, Ltd.	South Korea South Korea South Korea
Miquel y Costas & Miquel, S.A.	Spain
Ceylon Tobacco Company PLC	Sri Lanka
Swedish Match AB	Sweden
Taisun Enterprise Co. Ltd. Taiwan FamilyMart Co., Ltd.	Taiwan Taiwan
Tanzania Cigarette Company Ltd	Tanzania

<u>COMPANY</u>

The West Indian Tobacco Company Ltd.

British American Tobacco Uganda

Bizim Toptan Satis Magazalari AS Haci Omer Sabanci Holding AS Tav Havalimanlari Holding AS

Booker Group Plc British American Tobacco Plc Conviviality Retail PLC Imperial Tobacco Group Plc

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British American Tobacco Zambia Plc

British American Tobacco Zimbabwe Holdings Ltd

COUNTRY

Trinidad and Tobago

Uganda

Turkey Turkey Turkey

United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom

Vietnam Vietnam

Zambia

Zimbabwe