## **PERAC MEMO #27/2016**



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS | PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Thomas J. O'Donnell, Compliance Officer

RE: Tobacco Company List

DATE: December 8, 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 January 2017. 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 JANUARY 2017

COMPANY	COUNTRY
22 <sup>nd</sup> Century Group, Inc.	United States
Alliance One International, Inc.	United States
Altria Group, Inc.	United States
AMCON Distributing Company	United States
American Heritage International Inc.	United States
Caesars Acquisition Company	United States
Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc.	United States
Electronic Cigarettes International Group, Ltd	United States
Gilla Inc.	United States
Icon Vapor Inc.	United States
Medigreen Holdings Corporation	United States
Newgen Concepts Inc	United States
Philip Morris International Inc.	United States
Reynolds American Inc.	United States
Schweitzer Mauduit International, Inc.	United States
Smokefree Innotec Inc	United States
Turning Point Brands, Inc.	United States
Universal Corporation	United States
Vapor Corp.	United States
Vapor Hub International Inc.	United States
Vector Group Ltd.	United States
VPR Brands LP	United States
Wee-Cig International Corp	United States
wee eig international corp	Office States
Bangladesh Leaf Tobacco Co. Ltd.	Bangladesh
British American Tobacco Bangladesh Co. Ltd.	Bangladesh
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Fabrika Duhana Sarajevo dd Sarajevo	Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgartabac Holding AD	Bulgaria
Gotse Delchev Tabac AD	Bulgaria
Nicotiana BT Holding AD	Bulgaria
Pazardzhik BTM AD	Bulgaria
Shumen Tabac AD	Bulgaria
Sila Holding Plc	Bulgaria
Slantse Stara Zagora Tabak AD	Bulgaria
Stara Planina Hold AD	Bulgaria
Yuri Gagarin AD	Bulgaria
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Canada

George Weston Limited

COMPANY COUNTRY

Kimree Inc.

Mudanjiang Hengfeng Paper Co., Ltd.

Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd.

China Shiner International Inc

Xinjiang Bai Hua Cun Co., Ltd.

China

Hrvatski Duhani dd Croatia

CTO PCL Cyprus

Philip Morris CR as Czech Republic

Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S Denmark

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.

Hong Kong
Huabao International Holdings Ltd.

Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited

Sheen Tai Holdings Group Co. Ltd.

Hong Kong
Hong Kong

Godfrey Phillips India Limited
Golden Tobacco Ltd.
India
ITC Limited
India
NTC Industries Ltd.
Sinnar Bidi Udyog Ltd
Virat Crane Industries Ltd
VST Industries Limited
India
India
India
India
India

PT Bentoel Internasional Investama Tbk
PT Gudang Garam Tbk
Indonesia
PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna Tbk
Indonesia
Wismilak Inti Makmur Tbk PT
Indonesia

Societe Ivoirienne des Tabacs SA Ivory Coast

Carreras Ltd Jamaica

ITOCHU CorporationJapanJapan Tobacco Inc.JapanMitsubishi CorporationJapan

COMPANY COUNTRY

Al-Eqbal Investment Company PSC Jordan
Jordanian Duty Free Shops PSC Jordan
Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC Jordan

British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd Kenya

Tutunski Kombinat AD Prilep Macedonia

Press Corporation Ltd. Malawi

7 Eleven Malaysia Holdings Bhd Malaysia
Bright Packaging Industry Bhd Malaysia
British American Tobacco (Malaysia) Berhad Malaysia

Duvanski Kombinat ad Podgorica u stecaju Montenegro

British American Tobacco Holdings (The Netherlands) B.V.

Netherlands

Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd.PakistanPakistan Tobacco Company Ltd.PakistanPhilip Morris (Pakistan) LimitedPakistan

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

New Toyo International Holdings Ltd Singapore

Hosken Consolidated Investments Limited South Africa

KT&G Corporation South Korea
Nongshim Holdings South Korea
SK Chemicals Company, Ltd. South Korea

Miquel y Costas & Miquel, S.A. Spain

Ceylon Tobacco Company PLC Sri Lanka

Swedish Match AB Sweden

<u>COUNTRY</u>

Taisun Enterprise Co. Ltd.

Taiwan FamilyMart Co., Ltd.

Taiwan

Tanzania Cigarette Company Ltd Tanzania

The West Indian Tobacco Company Ltd.

Trinidad and Tobago

British American Tobacco Uganda Uganda

Bizim Toptan Satis Magazalari AS Turkey
Haci Omer Sabanci Holding AS Turkey

Booker Group Plc United Kingdom
British American Tobacco Plc United Kingdom
Imperial Brands Plc United Kingdom

Cat Loi JSC Vietnam
Cong ty Co phan Ngan Son Vietnam
Kido Group Corp Vietnam

British American Tobacco Zambia Plc Zambia

British American Tobacco Zimbabwe (Holdings) Ltd Zimbabwe