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MEMORANDUM

- TO: All Retirement Boards
- FROM: John P. Galvin, Compliance Manager
- RE: Tobacco Company List
- DATE: September 13, 2024

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 October 2024. 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 website. 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.

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Enclosure





TOBACCO COMPANY LIST OCTOBER 2024

COMPANY

COUNTRY

22 nd Century Group, Inc.	United States
Altria Group, Inc.	United States
AMCON Distributing Company	United States
B.A.T. Capital Corporation	United States
Charlie's Holdings, Inc.	United States
Fyolo Technology Corp	United States
Healthier Choices Management Corp.	United States
Performance Food Group Company	United States
Philip Morris International Inc.	United States
Pyxus International, Inc.	United States
Reynolds American Inc.	United States
Starfleet Innotec Inc	United States
	United States
Turning Point Brands, Inc.	
Universal Corporation	United States
Vapor Group Inc	United States
Vapor Hub International Inc.	United States
Vector Group Ltd.	United States
VPR Brands LP	United States
British American Tobacco Bangladesh Co. Ltd.	Bangladesh
Badeco Adria d.d. Sarajevo	Bosnia & Herzegovina
Pulgertahan Halding AD	Dulgaria
Bulgartabac Holding AD	Bulgaria
Gotse Delchev Tabac AD	Bulgaria
Nicotiana BT Holding AD	Bulgaria
Sila Holding Plc	Bulgaria
Yuri Gagarin AD	Bulgaria
Anhui Genuine New Materials Co Ltd	China
	China
Chengdu Hongqi Chain Co Ltd	
Huabao Flavours & Fragrances Co Ltd	China
Mudanjiang Hengfeng Paper Co., Ltd.	China
RLX Technology Inc	China
Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd.	China
Smoore International Holdings Ltd	China
WEIli Holdings Ltd	China
Cyprus Trading Corporation Plc	
	Cyprus
Dhilin Mamia CD as	
Philip Morris CR as	Cyprus Czech Republic

COMPANY

Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S Denmark STG Global Finance B.V. Denmark Eastern Company SAE Egypt Kumulus Vape SA France Karelia Tobacco Company Inc Greece China Boton Group Company Limited Hong Kong China Tobacco International HK Co Ltd Hong Kong **Ecogreen International Group Limited** Hong Kong Huabao International Holdings Ltd. Hong Kong Litu Holdings Limited Hong Kong Godfrey Phillips India Limited India ITC Limited India NTC Industries Ltd. India Sinnar Bidi Udyog Ltd. India **VST** Industries Limited India Indonesian Tobacco Tbk PT Indonesia PT Bentoel International Investama Tbk Indonesia PT Gudang Garam Tbk Indonesia PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna Tbk Indonesia PT Wicaksana Overseas International Tbk Indonesia Wismilak Inti Makmur Tbk PT Indonesia Israel Globrands Group Ltd. Societe Ivoirienne des Tabacs SA Ivory Coast Carreras Ltd. Jamaica Japan Tobacco Inc. Japan Al-Eqbal Investment Company PLC Jordan Jordanian Duty Free Shops PSC Jordan Union Investment Corporation P.L.C. Jordan Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC Jordan British American Tobacco Kenya PLC Kenya **KT&G** Corporation Korea Kuk-Il Paper Mfg Co., Ltd. Korea

COUNTRY

<u>COMPANY</u>

<u>COUNTRY</u> Tutunski Kombinat AD Prilep Macedonia 7-Eleven Malaysia Holdings Berhad Malaysia Bright Packaging Industry Bhd Malaysia British American Tobacco (Malaysia) Berhad Malaysia B.A.T. Netherlands Finance B.V. Netherlands Imperial Brands Finance Netherlands B.V Netherlands Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd. Pakistan Pakistan Tobacco Company Ltd. Pakistan Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited Pakistan Tri Pack Films Ltd. Pakistan Jerusalem Cigarette Co Ltd. Palestinian Territory Eurocash Spolka Akcyjna Poland Coka Duvanska Industrija ad Coka Serbia Philip Morris Operations a.d. Nis Serbia New Toyo International Holdings Ltd. Singapore Logista Integral S.A. Spain Miquel y Costas & Miquel, S.A. Spain Ceylon Tobacco Company Plc Sri Lanka Nolato Aktiebolag Sweden Swedish Match AB Sweden Taiwan FamilyMart Co., Ltd. Taiwan Tanzania Cigarette Company Ltd. Tanzania The West Indian Tobacco Company Ltd. Trinidad and Tobago Bizim Toptan Satis Magazalari AS Turkey

British American Tobacco Uganda

B.A.T. International Finance P.L.C. British American Tobacco Plc Imperial Brands Finance Plc Imperial Brands Plc McColl's Retail Group Plc

Uganda

United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom

<u>COMPANY</u>

COUNTRY

Cat Loi JSC Cong ty Co phan Ngan Son	Vietnam Vietnam
British American Tobacco (Zambia) Plc	Zambia
British American Tobacco Zimbabwe (Holdings) Ltd.	Zimbabwe