## **PERAC MEMO #25/2021**



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS | PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Thomas J. O'Donnell, Compliance Director

RE: Tobacco Company List

DATE: September 23, 2021

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 2021. 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.

Enclosure

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## TOBACCO COMPANY LIST OCTOBER 2021

| COMPANY   | <u>COUNTRY</u>       |
|---|----------------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Century Group, Inc.                              | United States        |
| A1 Group Inc  | United States        |
| Altria Group, Inc.  | United States        |
| AMCON Distributing Company  | United States        |
| B.A.T. Capital Corporation  | United States        |
| Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc.                                   | United States        |
| Fyolo Technology Corp   | United States        |
| Healthier Choices Management Corp.                                | United States        |
| Old Holdco, Inc.  | United States        |
| Performance Food Group Company                                    | 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 Group Inc   | 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        |
| British American Tobacco Bangladesh Co. Ltd.                      | Bangladesh           |
| Badeco Adria d.d. Sarajevo  | Bosnia & Herzegovina |
| Bulgartabac Holding AD  | Bulgaria             |
| Gotse Delchev Tabac AD  | Bulgaria             |
| Nicotiana BT Holding AD   | Bulgaria             |
| Shumen Tabac AD   | Bulgaria             |
| Sila Holding Plc  | Bulgaria             |
| Slantse Stara Zagora Tabak AD                                     | Bulgaria             |
| Yuri Gagarin AD   | Bulgaria             |
|   |                      |
| Anhui Genuine New Materials Co Ltd                                | China                |
| Huabao Flavours & Fragrances Co Ltd                               | China                |
| Mudanjiang Hengfeng Paper Co., Ltd.                               | China                |
| RLX Technology Inc  | C1 ·                 |
|   | China                |
| Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd.                                   | China<br>China       |
| Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd. Smoore International Holdings Ltd |                      |

<u>COUNTRY</u>

Philip Morris CR as Czech Republic

Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S

STG Global Finance B.V.

Denmark

Denmark

Eastern Company SAE Egypt

Karelia Tobacco Company Inc SA Greece

China Boton Group Company Limited

China Tobacco International HK Co Ltd

Hong Kong
Ecogreen International Group Limited

Hong Kong
Huabao International Holdings Ltd.

Sheen Tai Holdings Group Company Limited

Hong Kong
Hong Kong

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

Indonesian Tobacco Tbk PTIndonesiaPT Bentoel International Investama TbkIndonesiaPT Gudang Garam TbkIndonesiaPT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna TbkIndonesiaPT Wicaksana Overseas International TbkIndonesiaWismilak Inti Makmur Tbk PTIndonesia

Globrands Group Ltd. Israel

Societe Ivoirienne des Tabacs SA

Ivory Coast

Carreras Ltd. Jamaica

Japan Tobacco Inc. Japan

Al-Eqbal Investment Company PLC

Jordan

Jordan

Jordan

Union Investment Corporation P.L.C.

Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC

Jordan

British American Tobacco Kenya PLC Kenya

<u>COUNTRY</u>

KT&G Corporation Korea Kuk-Il Paper Mfg Co., Ltd. Korea

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
JT International Financial Services B.V.

Netherlands

Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd.

Pakistan Tobacco Company Ltd.

Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited

Pakistan

Pri Pack Films Ltd.

Pakistan

Jerusalem Cigarette Co Ltd.

Palestinian Territory

Eurocash Spolka Akcyjna Poland

Coka Duvanska Industrija ad CokaSerbiaDuvanska industrija ad BujanovacSerbiaPhilip Morris Operations a.d. NisSerbia

New Toyo International Holdings Ltd. Singapore

Compania de Distribucion Integral Logista Holdings, 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 Uganda

<u>COUNTRY</u>

B.A.T. International Finance P.L.C.

British American Tobacco Plc

United Kingdom
McColl's Retail Group Plc
United Kingdom

Cat Loi JSC Vietnam
Cong ty Co phan Ngan Son Vietnam

British American Tobacco (Zambia) Plc Zambia

British American Tobacco Zimbabwe (Holdings) Ltd. Zimbabwe