PERAC MEMO #25/2022



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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Thomas J. O'Donnell, Compliance Director

RE: Tobacco Company List

DATE: September 26, 2022

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 2022. 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 2022

<u>COMPANY</u>	COUNTRY
22 nd 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
Charlie's Holdings, Inc.	United States
Fyolo Technology Corp	United States
Healthier Choices Management Corp.	United States
Mativ Holdings, Inc.	United States
Old Holdeo, Inc.	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
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
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	China
Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd.	China
Smoore International Holdings Ltd	China

<u>COMPANY</u> <u>COUNTRY</u>

Cyprus Trading Corporation Plc Cyprus

Philip Morris CR as Czech Republic

Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S
STG Global Finance B.V.
Denmark

Eastern Company SAE Egypt

Kumulus Vape SA France

Karelia Tobacco Company Inc SA Greece

China Boton Group Company Limited
China Tobacco International HK Co Ltd
Hong Kong
Ecogreen International Group Limited
Huabao International Holdings Ltd.
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 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 Duty Free Shops PSC

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.

Imperial Brands Finance Netherlands B.V

Netherlands

JT International Financial Services B.V.

Netherlands

Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd.

Pakistan Tobacco Company Ltd.

Pakistan Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited

Pakistan

Pakistan

Pakistan

Pakistan

Jerusalem Cigarette Co Ltd.

Palestinian Territory

Eurocash Spolka Akcyjna Poland

Mercury Retail Group Ltd. Russian Federation

Coka Duvanska Industrija ad Coka
Philip Morris Operations a.d. Nis
Serbia

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 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