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MEMORANDUM

TO:	All Retirement Boards
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FROM: Thomas J. O'Donnell, Compliance Director

RE: Tobacco Company List

DATE: December 9, 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 January 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.

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TOBACCO COMPANY LIST JANUARY 2022

COMPANY

<u>COUNTRY</u>

22nd Century Group, Inc. A1 Group Inc Altria Group, Inc. AMCON Distributing Company B.A.T. Capital Corporation Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc. Fyolo Technology Corp Healthier Choices Management Corp. Old Holdco, Inc. Performance Food Group Company Philip Morris International Inc. Pyxus International, Inc. Reynolds American Inc. Schweitzer Mauduit International, Inc. Smokefree Innotec Inc Turning Point Brands, Inc. Universal Corporation Vapor Group Inc Vapor Hub International Inc. Vector Group Ltd. VPR Brands LP Wee-Cig International Corp

British American Tobacco Bangladesh Co. Ltd.

Badeco Adria d.d. Sarajevo

Bulgartabac Holding AD Gotse Delchev Tabac AD Nicotiana BT Holding AD Shumen Tabac AD Sila Holding Plc Slantse Stara Zagora Tabak AD Yuri Gagarin AD

Anhui Genuine New Materials Co Ltd Huabao Flavours & Fragrances Co Ltd Mudanjiang Hengfeng Paper Co., Ltd. RLX Technology Inc Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd. Smoore International Holdings Ltd United States United States

Bangladesh

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Bulgaria
Bulgaria
China

COMPANY	<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 Denmark
Eastern Company SAE	Egypt
Karelia Tobacco Company Inc SA	Greece
China Boton Group Company Limited China Tobacco International HK Co Ltd Ecogreen International Group Limited Huabao International Holdings Ltd. Sheen Tai Holdings Group Company Limited	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. VST Industries Limited	India India India India India India
Indonesian Tobacco Tbk PT PT Bentoel International Investama Tbk PT Gudang Garam Tbk PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna Tbk PT Wicaksana Overseas International Tbk Wismilak Inti Makmur Tbk PT	Indonesia Indonesia Indonesia Indonesia Indonesia
Globrands Group Ltd.	Israel
Societe Ivoirienne des Tabacs SA	Ivory Coast
Carreras Ltd.	Jamaica
Japan Tobacco Inc.	Japan
Al-Eqbal Investment Company PLC Jordanian Duty Free Shops PSC Union Investment Corporation P.L.C. Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC	Jordan Jordan Jordan Jordan
British American Tobacco Kenya PLC	Kenya

COMPANY

KT&G Corporation Korea Kuk-Il Paper Mfg Co., Ltd. Korea Tutunski Kombinat AD Prilep Macedonia 7-Eleven Malaysia Holdings Berhad Malaysia Malaysia Bright Packaging Industry Bhd 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 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 Duvanska industrija ad Bujanovac Serbia 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

COUNTRY

COMPANY

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

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British American Tobacco (Zambia) Plc

British American Tobacco Zimbabwe (Holdings) Ltd.

COUNTRY

United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom

Vietnam Vietnam

Zambia

Zimbabwe