PERAC MEMO #17/2019



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS | PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

PHILIP Y. BROWN, ESQ., Chairman

JOHN W. PARSONS, ESQ., Executive Director

Auditor SUZANNE M. BUMP | KATHLEEN M. FALLON | KATE FITZPATRICK | JAMES M. MACHADO | ROBERT B. McCARTHY | JENNIFER F. SULLIVAN

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Thomas J. O'Donnell, Compliance Officer

RE: Tobacco Company List

DATE: June 6, 2019

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 July 2019. 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

/ram





TOBACCO COMPANY LIST JULY 2019

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
22 nd Century Group, Inc.	United States
Altria Group, Inc.	United States
AMCON Distributing Company	United States
Apollo Global Management, LLC	United States
B.A.T. Capital Corporation	United States
Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc.	United States
Electronic Cigarettes International Group, Ltd	United States
Energy Transfer Operating, L.P.	United States
Fyolo Technology Corp	United States
Gilla Inc.	United States
Healthier Choices Management Corp.	United States
Icon Vapor Inc.	United States
Medigreen Holdings Corporation	United States
Philip Morris International Inc.	United States
Pyxus International, Inc.	United States
Reynolds American Inc.	United States
Schweitzer Mauduit International, Inc.	United States
Smokefree Innotec Inc	United States
Standard Diversified 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 Gotse Delchev Tabac AD Nicotiana BT Holding AD Shumen Tabac AD Slantse Stara Zagora Tabak AD Stara Planina Hold AD Yuri Gagarin AD	Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria

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

Costa Verde Aeronautica SA Chile

Anhui Jiuhuashan Tourism Development Co Ltd
China Conch Venture Holdings Limited
China
Mudanjiang Hengfeng Paper Co., Ltd.
China
Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd.
China
Shiner International Inc
Xinjiang Bai Hua Cun Co., Ltd.
China

CTO Public Company Ltd Cyprus

Philip Morris CR as Czech Republic

Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S Denmark

Eastern Company SAE Egypt

Christian Dior S.E. France

Karelia Tobacco Company Inc SA Greece

Century City International Holdings Limited

China Flavors and Fragrances Company Ltd.

China Fortune Investments (Holding) Limited

Huabao International Holdings Ltd.

Keck Seng Investments (Hong Kong) Limited

Hong Kong

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

Globrands Group Ltd Israel Knafaim Holdings Ltd. Israel

PT Bentoel International 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

COMPANY COUNTRY Japan Tobacco Inc. Japan Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Japan Yahoo Japan Corporation Japan Al-Eqbal Investment Company PSC Jordan Jordanian Duty Free Shops PSC Jordan Union Investment Corporation PSC Jordan Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC Jordan British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd Kenya BGF Co., Ltd. Korea **KT&G** Corporation Korea Lotte Confectionery Co., Ltd Korea Nongshim Holdings Korea SK Chemicals Co., Ltd. Korea SK Discovery Co., Ltd. Korea Tutunski Kombinat AD Prilep Macedonia Veles Tabak AD Veles Macedonia Gamma-Civic Ltd Mauritius Malawi Press Corporation Ltd. 7 Eleven Malaysia Holdings Berhad Malaysia Bright Packaging Industry Bhd Malaysia British American Tobacco (Malaysia) Berhad Malaysia Sime Darby Berhad Malaysia **Brait SE** Malta Duvanski Kombinat ad u stecaju Podgorica Montenegro JT International Financial Services B.V. Netherlands Pakistan Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd. Pakistan Tobacco Company Ltd. Pakistan Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited Pakistan Jerusalem Cigarette Co Ltd Palestinian Territory Philippines Ayala Land Inc. LT Group, Inc. **Philippines**

Poland

Eurocash Spolka Akcyjna

<u>COUNTRY</u>

Kingdom Holding Company Saudi Arabia

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

New Toyo International Holdings Ltd Singapore

Hosken Consolidated Investments Limited South Africa

Compania de Distribucion Integral Logista Holdings, S.A.

Spain

Miquel y Costas & Miquel, S.A.

Spain

Ceylon Tobacco Company PLC Sri Lanka

Swedish Match AB Sweden

Taisun Enterprise Co. Ltd.TaiwanTaiwan FamilyMart Co., Ltd.TaiwanUni-President Enterprises Corp.Taiwan

Tanzania Cigarette Company Ltd Tanzania

The West Indian Tobacco Company Ltd.

Trinidad and Tobago

Bizim Toptan Satis Magazalari AS Turkey Koc Holding Anonim Sirketi Turkey

British American Tobacco Uganda Uganda Uganda

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

British American Tobacco Plc

Imperial Brands Finance Plc

United Kingdom

Cat Loi JSC
Cong ty Co phan Ngan Son
Vietnam
Vietnam

British American Tobacco Zambia Plc Zambia

British American Tobacco Zimbabwe (Holdings) Ltd

Delta Corp Ltd

Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe