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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Thomas J. O'Donnell, Compliance Officer

RE: Tobacco Company List

DATE: June 18, 2018

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 2018. 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 Home Page in the 2018 Memos index under Forms & Publications. 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 JULY 2018

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
22 nd Century Group, Inc.	United States
Alliance One International, Inc.	United States
Altria Group, Inc.	United States
AMCON Distributing Company	United States
American Heritage International Inc.	United States
Apollo Global Management, LLC	United States
Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc.	United States
Electronic Cigarettes International Group, Ltd	United States
Gilla Inc.	United States
Healthier Choices Management Corp.	United States
Icon Vapor Inc.	United States
Medigreen Holdings Corporation	United States
Newgen Concepts Inc	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 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
Fabrika Duhana Sarajevo dd Sarajevo	Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgartabac Holding AD	Bulgaria
Gotse Delchev Tabac AD	Bulgaria
Nicotiana BT Holding AD	Bulgaria
Shumen Tabac AD	Bulgaria
Slantse Stara Zagora Tabak AD	Bulgaria
Stara Planina Hold AD	Bulgaria
Yuri Gagarin AD	Bulgaria
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Canada

George Weston Limited

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

Kimree Inc.

Mudanjiang Hengfeng Paper Co., Ltd.

Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd.

China Shiner International Inc

Xinjiang Bai Hua Cun Co., Ltd.

China

China

Valorem S.A. Columbia

Hrvatski Duhani dd Croatia

CTO PCL Cyprus

Philip Morris CR as Czech Republic

Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S Denmark

Eastern Co SAE Egypt

Christian Dior S.E. France

Karelia Tobacco Company Inc SA Greece

Century City International Holdings Limited

China Flavors and Fragrances Co Ltd.

China Fortune Investments (Holding) Limited

Huabao International Holdings Ltd.

Sheen Tai Holdings Group Co. Ltd.

Hong Kong

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Hong Kong

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

Knafaim Holdings Ltd. Israel

PT Bentoel Internasional Investama Tbk
Indonesia
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 ITOCHU Corporation Japan Japan Tobacco Inc. Japan Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Japan Al-Eqbal Investment Company PSC Jordan Jordanian Duty Free Shops PSC Jordan Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC Jordan British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd Kenya BGF Co., Ltd. Korea **KT&G** Corporation Korea **Lotte Corporation** Korea **Nongshim Holdings** Korea SK Chemicals Co., Ltd. Korea SK Discovery Co., Ltd. Korea Tutunski Kombinat AD Prilep Macedonia Press Corporation Ltd. Malawi 7 Eleven Malaysia Holdings Bhd Malaysia Bright Packaging Industry Bhd Malaysia British American Tobacco (Malaysia) Berhad Malaysia Sime Darby Berhad Malaysia Duvanski Kombinat ad u stecaju Podgorica Montenegro Schiphol Nederland B.V. Netherlands Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd. Pakistan Pakistan Tobacco Company Ltd. Pakistan Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited Pakistan Jerusalem Cigarette Co Ltd **Palestinian Territory** LT Group, Inc. **Philippines** Saudi Arabia Kingdom Holding Company British American Tobacco Vranje ad Vranje Serbia Coka Duvanska Industrija ad Coka Serbia Duvanska industrija ad Bujanovac Serbia

Philip Morris Operations a.d. Nis

New Toyo International Holdings Ltd

Hosken Consolidated Investments Limited South Africa

Serbia

Singapore

<u>COUNTRY</u>

Compania de Distribucion Integral Logista Holdings, S.A.

Spain
Miquel y Costas & Miquel, S.A.

Spain

Ceylon Tobacco Company PLC Sri Lanka Melstacorp Limited 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

British American Tobacco Uganda Uganda

Bizim Toptan Satis Magazalari AS Turkey

Booker Group Plc United Kingdom
British American Tobacco Plc United Kingdom
Imperial Brands Finance Plc United Kingdom
Imperial Brands Plc United Kingdom
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