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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Thomas J. O'Donnell, Compliance Director

RE: Tobacco Company List

DATE: September 14, 2020

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 2020. 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 2020

COMPANY

<u>COUNTRY</u>

22 nd 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
Gilla Inc.
Healthier Choices Management Corp.
Medigreen Holdings Corporation
Old Holdco, Inc.
Philip Morris 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 Foshan Huaxin Packaging Co., Ltd. Huabao Flavours & Fragrances Co Ltd Mudanjiang Hengfeng Paper Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd. Shiner International Inc United States United States

Bangladesh

Bosnia & Herzegovina

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<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
CTO Public Company Ltd.	Cyprus
Philip Morris CR as	Czech Republic
Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S	Denmark
Eastern Company SAE	Egypt
Karelia Tobacco Company Inc SA	Greece
China Boton Group Company Limited China Fortune Investments (Holding) Limited 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 Wismilak Inti Makmur Tbk PT	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 PSC Jordanian Duty Free Shops PSC Union Investment Corporation PSC Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC	Jordan Jordan Jordan Jordan
British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd.	Kenya

<u>COMPANY</u>

<u>COUNTRY</u>

KT&G Corporation	Korea
Kuk-Il Paper Mfg Co., Ltd.	Korea
Tong Yang Moolsan Co., Ltd.	Korea
Tutunski Kombinat AD Prilep	Macedonia
7 Eleven Melevaie Heldings Derhed	Malaysia
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
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Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd.	Pakistan
Pakistan Tobacco Company Ltd.	Pakistan
Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited	Pakistan
Tri Pack Films Ltd.	Pakistan
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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
	Seroia
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
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

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