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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Thomas J. O'Donnell, Compliance Officer

RE: Tobacco Company List

DATE: October 6, 2017

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 2017. 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 under the Investment Unit's 2017 Memo Index. 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 2017

#### COMPANY

#### COUNTRY

22 <sup>nd</sup> Century Group, Inc.
Alliance One International, Inc.
Altria Group, Inc.
AMCON Distributing Company
American Heritage International Inc.
Caesars Acquisition Company
Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc.
Electronic Cigarettes International Group, Ltd
Gilla Inc.
Healthier Choices Management Corp.
Icon Vapor Inc.
Medigreen Holdings Corporation
Newgen Concepts Inc
Philip Morris International Inc.
Reynolds American Inc.
Schweitzer Mauduit International, Inc.
Smokefree Innotec Inc
Turning Point Brands, Inc.
Universal Corporation
Vapor Hub International Inc.
Vector Group Ltd.
VPR Brands LP
Wee-Cig International Corp

British American Tobacco Bangladesh Co. Ltd.

Fabrika Duhana Sarajevo dd Sarajevo

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

George Weston Limited

United States United States

#### Bangladesh

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria Bulgaria

Canada

# COMPANY

## COUNTRY

Kimree Inc. Mudanjiang Hengfeng Paper Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Jinjia Group Co., Ltd. Shiner International Inc Xinjiang Bai Hua Cun Co., Ltd.	China China China 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. Huabao International Holdings Ltd. Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited Sheen Tai Holdings Group Co. Ltd. Godfrey Phillips India Limited Golden Tobacco Ltd. ITC Limited NTC Industries Ltd. Sinnar Bidi Udyog Ltd Virat Crane Industries Ltd VST Industries Limited PT Bentoel Internasional Investama Tbk	Hong Kong Hong Kong Hong Kong Hong Kong India India India India India India India
PT Gudang Garam Tbk PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna Tbk Wismilak Inti Makmur Tbk PT	Indonesia Indonesia Indonesia
Societe Ivoirienne des Tabacs SA	Ivory Coast
Carreras Ltd	Jamaica
ITOCHU Corporation Japan Tobacco Inc. Mitsubishi Corporation	Japan Japan Japan

## <u>COMPANY</u>

## COUNTRY

Al-Eqbal Investment Company PSC	Jordan
Jordanian Duty Free Shops PSC	Jordan
Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC	Jordan
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British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd	Kenya
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
Duvanski Kombinat ad Podgorica u stecaju	Montenegro
Schiphol Nederland B.V.	Netherlands
Khyhar Tahaaaa Company I td	Pakistan
Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd. Pakistan Tobacco Company Ltd.	Pakistan
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Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited	Pakistan
Jerusalem Cigarette Co Ltd	Palestinian Territory
LT Group, Inc.	Philippines
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Kingdom Holding Company	Saudi Arabia
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## <u>COMPANY</u>

Taisun Enterprise Co. Ltd. Taiwan FamilyMart Co., Ltd.	Taiwan 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 British American Tobacco Plc Imperial Brands Plc	United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom
Cat Loi JSC Cong ty Co phan Ngan Son Kido Group Corp	Vietnam Vietnam Vietnam
British American Tobacco Zambia Plc	Zambia
British American Tobacco Zimbabwe (Holdings) Ltd	Zimbabwe

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