PERAC MEMO #32/2024



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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: John P. Galvin, Compliance Manager

RE: **Tobacco Company List**

DATE: December 16, 2024

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 2025. 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 2025

COMPANY	COUNTRY
22 nd Century Group, Inc.	United States
Altria Group, Inc.	United States
AMCON Distributing Company	United States
B.A.T. Capital Corporation	United States
Charlie's Holdings, Inc.	United States
Fyolo Technology Corp	United States
Healthier Choices Management Corp.	United States
Performance Food Group Company	United States
Philip Morris International Inc.	United States
Pyxus International, Inc.	United States
Reynolds American Inc.	United States
Starfleet Innotec Inc	United States
Turning Point Brands, Inc.	United States United States
Universal Corporation	United States United States
Vapor Group Inc	United States United States
Vapor Hub International Inc.	United States
Vector Group Ltd.	United States United States
VPR Brands LP	United States United States
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British American Tobacco Bangladesh Co. Ltd.	Bangladesh
Badeco Adria d.d. Sarajevo	Bosnia & Herzegovina
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Czech Republic

Philip Morris CR as

<u>COUNTRY</u>

Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S
STG Global Finance B.V.
Denmark

Eastern Company SAE Egypt

Kumulus Vape SA France

Karelia Tobacco Company Inc Greece

China Boton Group Company Limited

China Tobacco International HK Co Ltd

Hong Kong
Ecogreen International Group Limited

Hong Kong
Huabao International Holdings Ltd.

Litu Holdings Limited

Hong Kong
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Godfrey Phillips India Limited India ITC Limited India NTC Industries Ltd. India Sinnar Bidi Udyog Ltd. India VST Industries Limited India

Indonesian Tobacco Tbk PTIndonesiaPT Bentoel International Investama TbkIndonesiaPT Gudang Garam TbkIndonesiaPT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna TbkIndonesiaPT Wicaksana Overseas International TbkIndonesiaWismilak Inti Makmur Tbk PTIndonesia

Globrands Group Ltd. Israel

Societe Ivoirienne des Tabacs SA Ivory Coast

Carreras Ltd. Jamaica

Japan Tobacco Inc. Japan

Al-Eqbal Investment Company PLC

Jordan

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Union Investment Corporation P.L.C.

Union Tobacco & Cigarette Industries Co PSC

Jordan

Jordan

British American Tobacco Kenya PLC Kenya

KT&G Corporation Korea Kuk-Il Paper Mfg Co., Ltd. Korea

<u>COUNTRY</u>

Tutunski Kombinat AD Prilep Macedonia

7-Eleven Malaysia Holdings Berhad Malaysia
Bright Packaging Industry Bhd Malaysia
British American Tobacco (Malaysia) Berhad Malaysia

B.A.T. Netherlands Finance B.V.

Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd.

Pakistan Tobacco Company Ltd.

Philip Morris (Pakistan) Limited

Tri Pack Films Ltd.

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Jerusalem Cigarette Co Ltd.

Palestinian Territory

Eurocash Spolka Akcyjna Poland

Coka Duvanska Industrija ad Coka
Philip Morris Operations a.d. Nis
Serbia

New Toyo International Holdings Ltd. Singapore

Logista Integral 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 Uganda

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

British American Tobacco Plc

Imperial Brands Finance Plc

United Kingdom

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

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Vietnam

British American Tobacco (Zambia) Plc Zambia

British American Tobacco Zimbabwe (Holdings) Ltd. Zimbabwe