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## Temperature In Store UPDATE

Dear Colleagues,

Last year we launched the slogan **“If you don't report it we can't sort it.”**

We were immediately contacted by many GMB members in ASDA who reported that they were cold in work.

We had meetings with the company to bring this to their attention and continued gathering further information from yourselves and the company upon the extent of the problem.



During December we sent a national bulletin to advise that we had received an agreement to increase the temperature in stores from 16 degrees up to **18 degrees**.

Within this bulletin we asked our GMB stewards to monitor temperatures in store and to feedback your views and thoughts. Our National Representatives also monitored individual stores in their regions and collated the results.

We discussed with the company improvements needed upon the reporting of stores which were **NOT** meeting the agreed temperature levels.

As a result of this in April 2015 we have now agreed a new “Temperature Policy” which details and guides stores upon how to report if their store is failing to meet the agreed temperature levels. It sets out the minimum temperature requirements throughout all stores. It also addresses stores which are too hot during the summer months.

We feel this is a positive step forward and highlights the need for members to report problems to their stewards. Remember **“If you don't report it we can't sort it.”**

Yours Sincerely

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