



# NEWSBRIEF

For GMB Members in

# ASDA

# DISTRIBUTION

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## ASDA ROLLING BACK CHRISTMAS!

Dear ASDA Members

Members in Distribution may be aware the Company is proposing the following for the Christmas 2009 period bank holidays:-

- In 2009 the Boxing Day falls on a Saturday.
- The Company is not redesignating Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> December as a Bank Holiday this year. The Bank Holiday payment for Boxing Day will be fixed to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December, the day it falls on.
- Payments for working the Bank Holiday will be as per your site's terms and conditions.

This plan was never discussed at the National Joint with Gmb prior to being announced. It is utterly unacceptable. If ASDA get away with this it would ride roughshod over long established custom and practice at many sites and effectively tear up existing agreements at others.

**GMB will be consulting our members on their views about ASDA's plans to save money at your expense on Boxing Day.**

Given that ASDA has recently announced a 12.2% increase in year on year profits, this represents a kick in the teeth for hard working ASDA employees.

GMB is committed to opposing the Company's plans in both Stores and Distribution.

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**GARY SMITH**  
**NATIONAL SECRETARY**  
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