

Exceptions to union boycotts

This union notes:

1. That Nestle, Bacardi and Esso are boycotted for their unethical practices and that this policy was upheld at a quorate general meeting in 2003.
2. That drivers of union minibuses are allowed to fill up at Esso petrol stations if there is no alternative
3. That Nestle is the only large confectionary manufacturer to have 'nut free' factories.
4. That on the 16th April 2005, a member of the Athletics Association who was severely allergic to nuts with the potential for anaphylaxis, was bought a KitKat due to there being no realistic alternative available; however, existing union policy would not permit the cost of the KitKat being reimbursed due it being a Nestle product. This was upheld by a meeting of the union executive committee.

This union believes:

1. That the welfare of its students is paramount.
2. That in the instance stated above, current union policy was not in the interest of the students' welfare.

This union resolves:

1. To modify the conditions of the boycotts such that products can be bought if there is no alternative and the implications of not purchasing the products would compromise the health and/or safety of one or more students.

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