

Meeting Minutes for the Grocery Division Management

At the Chamber's facilities, a meeting was recently held for the grocery section board of directors, headed by Mr./ Ahmed Yehia Badawy, division's head.

Heads of commercial divisions also attended the meeting:

Mr. Amr Abdelghany Asfour	Second Deputy
Mr. Emad Eldien Elsayed Abdeen	Head's Secretary
Mr. Ashraf Hosny Mahmoud	Member
Mr. Salah Abdel Aziz	Member
Mr. Adel Noman Noman	Member
Mr. Abdelghany Abo Eleila Elnabarawy	Member
Mr. Rezk Galal Shamroukh	Member
Mr. Nour Eldien Ahmed Mohamed Keshk	Member

With the presence of a large number of alternative suppliers who are deployed all over the governorate.

A number of officials from the Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade attended as well:

Mr. Fathy Abdel Aziz. Head.	Distribution and Supervision Sector
Mr. Mohamed Ali Ibrahim. Supply.	General Manager at the Ministry of
Mrs. Kawthar Ali. Affairs.	General Manager of Cards and Goods

Mr. Hamdy Mohamed Hassan Allam. Head of Central Administration for Syndicate Distribution Affairs.

In the presence of Cairo's Supply directorate officials:

Mr. Mahmoud Abdelaziz. Ministry's First Undersecretary at Cairo's Supply Directorate.

Mr. Mohamed Saeed Ramadan . Manager at Cairo's Supply Directorate

Mr. Ahmed Mohammed Taha. Cards Manager Cairo's Supply Directorate

Officials from The National Bank were among the attendees as well:

Mr. Saad Mohy Eldien... Credit Department Deputy Director at the National Bank of Egypt

Mr. Ahmed Hosni... Credit Department Director at the National Bank of Egypt

On behalf of the Chamber's executive body, a number of officials attended:

Mr. Mustafa Hammed Mustafa. The Director General of the Division's General Administration for Research and Studies.

Mr. Zakaria Khalil .. Trade Divisions Administration Senior Specialist

Mr. Hamdy Abdelmnm .. Trade Divisions Administration Head

Mr. Waleed Hosny Matook ... Second Researcher for the Trade Divisions

Mr. Ahmed Kamel Mohamed. Second Researcher for the Trade Divisions

Mr. Mohamed Hassan Ali. Third Researcher for the Trade Divisions

Mr. Tamer Mohammed. Third Researcher for the Trade Divisions

Mr. Ahmed Yehia Badawy, the division's head, opened the meeting by welcoming the audience, singling the officials from the Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade and the officials Cairo Supply Directorate, in addition to the National Bank officials.

He mentioned that today's meeting is dedicated to discussing the note presented to the division by alternative suppliers and the problems they face.

These problems include:

- Low profit margins on supplying goods
- Delayed incentives for the past ten months and a request for reconsidering the incentives percentage
- Machine soft ware problems (smart cards)
- Cancelling inventory records on the machines
- Decreased weights and poor packaging

- Oppose the decision of supply commodities exchange with the smart card system.

Division members recommended the following:

- The work of the alternative suppliers would be reduced to one shift from 1:00pm until 10:00 pm.
- One of the division members would be present during Ration Campaigns for transparency while filing the record

Supply officials promised to:

- study the possibility of making alternative suppliers work for one shift only
- consider the legality of division members accompanying the campaigns
- write no inventory records for the machines after some breakdowns were discovered, with the promise to solve these problems. The officials promised to distribute coupons of the cookers through alternative suppliers, due to the trust placed in them. The coupon could be collected during two months as of the first use, then for six months, after that it can collect at any time or place.
- Officials stressed that alternative suppliers should not by any means receive any quantity with a shortage in weight, or of a reduced quality, otherwise they have to inform the officials immediately.

Then the National Bank officials discussed with the attendees the banks projects for the coming period. They include supporting the trader and the Egyptian investor to stand on his own two feet and the national economy recuperates through providing loans with a contradictory profit of 10%.

The audience called for drafting a record with what's required from the bank to help to help that sector through a funding program. There is a program for funding the program and another to fund the capital.

Mr. Ahmed Yehia Badawy, the division head suggested to sign a protocol of cooperation between the Chamber and the National Bank. Both sides agreed on studying this proposal.

AT the end of the meeting, Mr Ahmed Yehia Badawy thanked the attendants.