

# Christmas crisp shortage? Hula-Hoops workers vote to strike



The UK faces a Christmas crisps shortage as almost 50 workers making Hula-Hoops, McCoy's, Pom-Bears and Discos vote to strike.

A majority of 85 per cent of process operatives at KP Snacks in Billingham vote for industrial action after the company imposed additional duties and responsibilities without any increase in pay.

Bosses have now halted all holiday requests while it evaluates the potential impact of industrial action, in what looks like a punitive measure.

GMB Union is seeking legal advice on whether this decision is unlawful. Members will now meet to discuss strike dates



**Paul Clark, GMB Organiser, said:**

“GMB members at KP are skilled workers essential to the production of crisps and snacks.

“Their expertise keeps operations running smoothly and supermarket shelves stocked, yet they are being asked to do additional work for the same pay.

“If they've been asked to do extra work, they should get more pay..

“They will not stand by while their workload increases without recognition.

“It’s crunch time for KP bosses, so unless they want to see the shelves empty this Christmas, it’s time to get back round the table and sort this out.”

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