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They Keep Seven Percent For Themselves

Over the last little while, work inspectors in the Tyumen' Oblast have started running into a new phenomenon. They find goods which have been hidden in a shop and when the inspectors ask the shop employees about this, they reply that the goods are theirs... by law.

The fact of the matter is that the head of the Central Trade Administration of Tyumen' Oblast Executive Committee, V. Shuglya, and the chairman of the Oblast Committee of the State Trade Workers' Union and of the Consumers' Cooperative, N. Varfolomeev, issued a joint order which authorized the heads of factory shops, workers' supply boards, shops and associations to sell seven percent of the incoming goods to their workers.

The Deputy Head of the Central Trade Administration of the Oblast executive committee, V. Khanykin, said in a telephone conversation that the order authorizing shop workers to buy seven percent of the incoming goods was necessary in order to tighten up controls over their personal purchases. He claimed that sometimes the employees of a shop get too much, when they acquire goods and produce for themselves. Scandals sometimes occur. Many people in Tyumen' will remember well the case where the customers caught the director of a municipal manufactured goods outlet, E. Suvorova, red-handed with a sack of imported shoes. At the time this was reported in the Oblast Newspaper. And now they have established a quota in order to distribute no more than seven percent of goods which are in short supply