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Dear Tim

I hope you have had a good start at Tesco.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for the valuable and successful contributions you have made to the FSA. You have consistently delivered and it has been a pleasure working with you.

As you know I have always taken a firm approach to proper governance and propriety. I wrote to the Board members yesterday proposing that as of yesterday, for the next two years, members declare any contact they have with you. This will protect the FSA, the Board as well as you. I am attaching the email for your reference.

I wish you well for the future.

JEFF ROOKER



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From: Rooker, Jeff
Sent: 15 October 2012 09:09
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Cc: Milne, Charles; chiefexecutive; [REDACTED] Brown, Pippa
Subject: Tim Smith ex CEO

Good morning all

You will recall from recent exchanges that Tim left the FSA at midnight last night. We all wish him well at TESCO with what is clearly an exciting task on a world stage for every household item you can think of.

TESCO is not any old British company. Depending on which list you look at it is the third largest UK employer (after the NHS and MoD), top own label supermarket, top UK market share in supermarkets, fourth in best retail brands and 24th in Global brands. That is enough on how good and big they are.

His transition from UK food regulator to TESCO has passed with minimal comment. And with full clearance from the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments. However from today we need to be seen to strengthen our governance arrangements. I propose that for two years Board Members declare any contact with Tim as you do other relevant meetings prior to each Open Board Meeting. This would ensure it is the normal part of our Register. It protects the FSA, the Board as well as Tim himself. Any new Board Members will be made aware during induction.

I will write to Tim with a copy of this note. This note applies to Board Members. I assume the Executive will put appropriate procedures in place.

Jeff