Railway Interchange 2015
Suitcasing / Outboarding Policy Statement

Railway Interchange 2015 (RI15) Show Management is making preparations for its upcoming event by further making attendees and exhibitors aware of its no suitcasing / outboarding policies. Show Management has mandated increased measures to protect exhibitors from suitcasing at RI15 which takes away from their exhibit space investment and undermines our industry.

Our rules and regulations strictly prohibit solicitation, “suitcasing” or “outboarding” by attendees who transact business at RI15 or hotels or venues associated with the event who are not exhibiting.

What are suitcasing and outboarding?

Suitcasing refers to non-exhibiting companies or persons who solicit business in the aisles, food courts or in other public spaces, including another company's booth or a hotel lobby during the Railway Interchange event.

Outboarding refers to non-exhibiting companies or persons that set up exhibits at off-site locations such as hotel hospitality suites.

No Suitcasing / Outboarding Policy

Please note that while all meeting attendees are invited to the show, any attendee who is observed to be soliciting business in the aisles or other public spaces, in another company's booth, or in violation of any portion of the Railway Interchange 2015 Exhibition Policy, will be asked to leave immediately. Additional penalties may be applied. Please report any violations you may observe to Show Management. Show Management recognizes that suitcasing may also take the form of commercial activity conducted from a hotel guest room or hospitality suite; a restaurant, club, or any other public place of assembly.

For the purposes of this policy, suitcasing violations may occur at venues other than the exhibition floor and at other events. Show Management must be informed of any hospitality suites, and expressed consent must be received prior to the event.

What Show Management Will Do

Railway Interchange 2015 Show Management will respond to all complaints regarding suitcasing or outboarding. If Show Management deems that a person or company is suitcasing or outboarding, they will be asked to leave the premises immediately (with no refund) and a letter will be sent to the company's leader notifying them of this offense. Other penalties can include being barred from future trade shows (for a period of time) as an attendee or exhibitor.

If you suspect suitcasing, please contact the people listed below or file a complaint at the main registration area. A show management representative will come to your booth to investigate.

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