



Board Adopts Amendment to Code of Operating Practice

The RIPA Board of Directors has adopted an amendment to the association's Code of Operating Practice clarifying that as a condition of membership, all members of the association must comply with the laws of the United States, including those related to antitrust, trademark and associated matters.

The text of the amendment, which is shown in full below, will appear in the introductory section in each of the association's Codes of Practice (i.e. steel drums; plastic drums; fiber drums and intermediate bulk containers).

Code amendment

[We] agree, regardless of our corporate location, to comply with the laws of the United States, including but not limited to laws related to antitrust and unfair competition, trademark and intellectual property rights, and contractual obligations.

According to RIPA President Paul Rankin, the new Code language will ensure that "all members of the association understand clearly that their companies are expected to conform to exemplary operational practices, which includes adherence to the nation's anti-trust and trademark laws."

As a condition of membership, all association members pledge annually to comply with the association's four Codes of practice (steel drum, plastic drum, fiber drum and intermediate bulk container). A copy of the current (unamended) Codes can be found [here](#). The newly revised Codes will be available to members soon.