

**CONSULTATIONS ON CANADIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INTERESTS
IN SELECTED MARKETS
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On June 7th, 2007, the Government of Canada announced the launch of free trade agreement negotiations with Peru, Colombia and the Dominican Republic. Exploratory talks have also been held with the Ecuador and Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member States (Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago) but no negotiations are scheduled at this time. The Government of Canada is seeking the views of Canadians to assess the extent of Canadian intellectual property interests in these markets.

The Government's interest in intellectual property (IP) stems from the increasingly important role intellectual property plays in the knowledge-based economy in Canada and abroad. The competitiveness of Canadian firms and other creators or owners of IP often depends on their ability to protect their intellectual assets and enforce their rights. As Canadians become more active in foreign markets in areas involving patents, trade-marks, copyrights or other forms of IP, the Government wants to ensure that the interests of Canadians are protected.

To the extent that you or your company are involved in knowledge-based sectors or other activities involving intellectual property, we invite you to take a few moments to complete the questionnaire below to share your experiences and interests in these countries. The information you provide will help the Government of Canada develop its approach to intellectual property in these negotiations. Please provide your input by **August 17, 2007**.

For more information, please visit: Regional and Bilateral Initiatives (at <http://www.international.gc.ca/tna-nac/reg-en.asp>) and Trade and Intellectual Property (at http://www.international.gc.ca/tna-nac/FO/intellect_property-en.asp).

If you would like to discuss these initiatives further or learn more about the Government's approach to intellectual property in trade and investment negotiations, please contact:

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PART I
ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

1. Are you or your company involved in the knowledge-based sectors or in any other activity that involves intellectual property?

Yes
 No

If so, please describe why intellectual property is important to you or your business.

2. Are you currently active in any of these markets from a trade or investment perspective?

Yes
 No

If so, please indicate in which countries you are active and describe your activities

Please also describe your approach to intellectual property in these markets. For example, are you involved in: (a) research and development; (b) technology transfer; (c) export or manufacture of patented, trade-marked or copyrighted goods; (d) registration or licensing of patents, trade-marks or copyrights; (e) use of a trade-mark in association with a service; or (f) other activities relevant to intellectual property?

2. If you are not currently active in these markets, are you aware of any barriers to entry or disincentives from an intellectual property perspective?

Yes
 No

Please describe.

3. Have you or your company been involved in co-operative activities or partnerships with partners (public or private) in these markets (i.e. S&T co-operation)? If so, have you experienced any problems from an intellectual property perspective?

4. Have you experienced any intellectual property related problems due to local corporate/commercial laws or practices in these countries?
