
IV. SERVICES FOR EXPORTERS

Banking

There are no Canadian banks with representatives in Michigan, Indiana or Metropolitan Toledo, Ohio, but the branches of Canadian banks in Windsor, Ontario are in constant contact with their counterparts on the American side of the border. In addition, the international divisions of the Canadian banks in Montreal and Toronto can assist exporters. Please refer to "Useful Addresses" (page 39) for a listing of prominent banks and customs brokers serving this market territory. National Bank of Detroit has three branches in Canada, two in Windsor and the other in Toronto.

Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights

General

An information booklet entitled "General Information Concerning Patents" is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20302.

Patents

All business with the Patent Office should be transacted in writing and all letters addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

U.S. patent laws make no discrimination with respect to the citizenship of the inventor. However, it is the inventor who must make application for patent and sign related papers (with certain exceptions).

Most inventors employ the services of patent attorneys or patent agents. The Patent Office cannot recommend any particular attorney or agent but does publish a list of all registered patent attorneys and agents who are willing to accept new clients and lists them by states, cities and foreign countries.

Trademarks

A trademark relates to the name or symbol used in trade to indicate the source or origin of goods.