

of Commerce can extend interim protection to nationals of other countries if it is found:

1. that the foreign country is making good faith efforts and reasonable progress toward (a) entering into a treaty providing protection of mask works or (b) enacting legislation similar to the Semiconductor Chip Protection Act;
2. That nationals and others of the foreign nation are not engaged in the misappropriation of masked works; and
3. That issuing the orders (granting interim protection for the masked work of foreign nationals) would promote international comity with respect to the protection of masked works.

Canada has obtained an order from the United States obtaining interim protection of masked work on behalf of Canadians on the condition that we propose legislation to protect such works in Canada by June 12, 1986. The work program to put this legislation in place has yet to be established.

We should continue to pursue this issue on a bilateral basis with the United States and perhaps a multilateral basis to obtain a treaty on the subject.