

It is assumed for this paper that initial negotiations on intellectual property will focus on reducing irritants in bilateral relations. The Americans will likely wish to raise a number of intellectual property issues in this initial phase. In terms of closing off developed country markets for pirated copyright goods and counterfeit trade mark goods, for instance, the U.S. would like to see stronger criminal penalties for infringement and greater use of customs inspection.

Americans would also like to see intellectual property protection in Canada established or enhanced with respect to a number of technologies already protected in the U.S. American interest in this regard include protection for pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, appellations of origin, semiconductor chips, computer programs, data bases, cable retransmission, satellite retransmission and plant breeders rights.

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The paper provides some information on each of these issues in terms of issue description and the current play of domestic interests. Indeed, it may be difficult to satisfy American wishes on some items such as pharmaceuticals and cable retransmission given the entrenched position of domestic interest groups. The infor-