

The United States has generally not permitted this practice but it is currently reviewing the situation.

The European Community does not permit this practice in trade among its membership but has reserved its position in respect of products from non-member states.

The Canadian Trade Marks Act is silent on the subject and we are currently considering an amendment to disallow trade marks being used in this fashion.

It would be desirable to discuss this multilaterally to achieve some harmony of treatment on the subject.

3. Protection of Appellations of Origin

For many years, the Europeans have wanted us to provide better protection for their appellations of origin. Recently the United States has requested that we protect the name Bourbon. In both cases the Europeans and the Americans want protection under the Food and Drug regulations. We have resisted these requests on the basis that they already can obtain protection under the certification mark provisions of the Trade Marks Act and that such protection is more effective than under the Food and Drug regulations.