

December 1990 and in the implementation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) as it relates to the obligations of the two parties under the GATT.

Intellectual Property

Canada has important international interests in the area of patents, copyrights, semiconductor chips, industrial designs, trademarks, trade names and appellation of origin. The goals of the Division responsible for intellectual property are to seek to establish appropriate international levels of intellectual property protection for the purpose of providing continual access to foreign technologies and for maintenance of domestic competitiveness. The Division also seeks to ensure that foreign or international intellectual property measures do not hinder Canada's export or trade interests.

Canada is an active participant in the World Intellectual Property Organization and in the current negotiations in the GATT on trade-related intellectual property.

An achievement during the year under review was the ratification of the International Patent Cooperation Treaty. This enables Canadians to obtain a

patent in countries that are signatories of the Treaty with a single application filed in Canada. The treaty came into effect on January 2, 1990.

Another treaty, the International Registration of Audiovisual Work, was also signed. Providing enhanced protection for films in export markets, it will be ratified by Canada after the necessary legislative changes have been enacted.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

The Trade Committee continued to contribute to the functioning of the international trading system. This was accomplished through its reporting of members' trade policy initiatives, assessment of the Uruguay Round progress, and analysis of the use, impact and interrelationship of various trade policy instruments.

Much of the focus of the Committee's work has been on non-members. The Trade Committee participated in a joint workshop with the dynamic Asian economies to increase understanding in the area of trade policy and to advance their integration into the international trading system.