

above discussion, it can be seen that intellectual property is a subject for discussion in these negotiations primarily at the request of the Americans.

Inclusion of intellectual property on the agenda could be potentially difficult from the Canadian viewpoint given that the U.S. will be applying pressure on issues which they see as irritants in bilateral relations. Many of these same issues are, however, already highly charged and polarized in terms of domestic policy formulation.

While the overall U.S. objective (i.e. encouraging Canada to provide stronger intellectual property protection) is evident, the specific issues which the Americans may raise are far from obvious. In attempting to shed light on this matter, as well as the question of how Canada should respond, this paper commences with an examination of the links between intellectual property and trade. Subsequently, an overview of the issues which might be raised in initial negotiations is provided and the tactical considerations are discussed. Finally, some discussion is provided of the changes in intellectual property law which would be required in both countries if the final outcome of these negotiations is a reasonably comprehensive level of economic integration.