Trademark rights will prevent others from using the same trademark on identical goods but do not prevent others from making these goods without the trademark.

The procedure relating to the registration of trademarks and some general information on trademarks is described in a pamphlet called "General Information Concerning Trademarks" which can be obtained from the Patent Office.

Copyright

Copyright protects the writings of an author against copying. Literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works are included within the protection of the copyright law which in some instances also confers performing and recording rights. The copyright goes to the form of expression rather than the subject matter.

Note: copyrights are registered in the Copyright Office in the Library of Congress and the Patent Office has nothing whatever to do with copyrights. Information concerning copyrights may be obtained from Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Licensing and Joint Ventures

If you wish to market a patented invention or product in the United States, either under a joint-licensing agreement or some other arrangement, there are a number of firms specializing in patent and marketing services. The Canadian Consulate General in Detroit can help in choosing such firms.

The Canadian-American Commercial Arbitration Commission

Reference to the above Commission is often made in standard commercial contracts between Canadian and American companies. In the event of disputes the Canadian firm simply refers to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, 1080 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, Quebec, H2Z 1T2, and the American firm refers to the American Arbitration Commission, 140 West 51st Street, New York, NY 10020.