

Privacy Notice Statement

QUESTIONNAIRE: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN CANADA'S FREE TRADE AGENDA

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“Personal information” is defined as any information, in any form, about an identifiable individual, including details of an individual's personal experiences, opinions or views. Please refer to section 3 of the [Privacy Act](#) for further details regarding personal information.

The purpose of the enclosed questionnaire is to seek the experiences of Canadians on intellectual property protection and enforcement in respect of Canada's existing and future trading partners, including China, MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay), Mexico, and the United States.

The information you provide in the questionnaire will be used by the Department to inform the Government of Canada's discussions with other countries as part of Canada's free trade agenda.

The information is collected under the authority of the [Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Act](#), Section 10(2)(e).

By completing the questionnaire you are consenting to the collection, use, and disclosure of the information provided herein, subject to certain exemptions and exceptions as per the *Privacy Act*, and as described in this privacy statement. By completing the questionnaire you also acknowledge that you have read and understood this privacy statement.

Provision of the information requested in the questionnaire is voluntary and you may, without prejudice, decline to respond. Although voluntary, your feedback has significant value and is your opportunity to inform the Government of Canada of your experiences in respect of intellectual property in foreign markets.

The information you provide in the questionnaire may be shared with other Government of Canada departments and agencies for the purpose of consolidating stakeholder input in the course of present and future consultations on Canada's free trade agenda.

We will not use the information for any secondary purpose without first obtaining your explicit consent.

The contact information provided at the end of the questionnaire may be used to issue similar questionnaires in the future, as well as to send invitations to formal consultations, roundtables, and other meetings with Global Affairs Canada. Your contact information will be retained in our database until we are advised of a change in company contact or until you ask us to remove your name from our database by contacting Consultations-TMI@international.gc.ca.

The details of your experiences will be retained for two years and disposed of by May 2019, in accordance with our Retention and Disposal Authority (RDA) Number: GAC 2016/003.

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Individuals have the right to file a complaint with the [Privacy Commissioner of Canada](#) regarding the institution's handling of their personal information.

Please ensure that you limit the information provided in the questionnaire to only information related to your experiences in respect of intellectual property in foreign markets. When completing the free text fields, you are encouraged to make fact-based statements that do not include your personal views and opinions of another individual. Your views and opinions of another person are considered their personal information under the *Privacy Act*.