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*de marques de commerce,*

*de droits d'auteur et*

*de dessins industriels*

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Ms. Rita Carreau  
Copyright and Industrial Design Branch  
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**Sent by mail and by e-mail**

Dear Ms. Carreau:

**Re: Proposal to Repeal the *Timber Marking Act and Rules***

The Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) is pleased to provide comments on the proposal to repeal the *Timber Marking Act and Rules*. IPIC's Trade-mark Legislation Committee reviewed the proposal and provided comments to IPIC Council.

IPIC actively supports the goal, stated in this proposal, of a "strong, modern and internationally competitive IP framework that fosters and promotes Canadian innovation and the protection of IP rights for Canadian businesses."

With this goal in mind and having reviewed CIPO's analysis of the situation regarding this legislation, IPIC supports the proposal to repeal the *Timber Marking Act and Rules*.

Sincerely,



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