



## Weekly Information Sheet 07

# *Intellectual Property*

There are three recognized **types** of intellectual property.

Like the **types** of property itself, these **types** of intellectual property allow one to exercise their property rights according to the use and function of the intellectual property.

These **types** of intellectual property include:

## *Types of Intellectual Property*

- 1. Copyrights** (Rights in Writings, Arts or Expression);
- 2. Patents** (Rights in Inventions or Discoveries); and
- 3. Trademarks** (Rights in a Word, Name or Symbol).

These rights were NOT widely recognized in common law.

These rights are NOT enforceable world-wide (without a treaty).

These rights are recognized in modern law pursuant to federal statutes.

- *Title 17 of the United States Code outlines United States Copyright law.*
- *Title 35 of the United States Code outlines United States Patent law.*
- *Title 15 of the United States Code outlines United States Trademark law.*

Computer Programs have been held to be covered under copyright law as they are written code, not under patent law as processes.