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INDUSTRIAL YEASTS COLLECTION DBVPG

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1. Requirements for Deposit

(a) Kinds of Microorganisms that may be Deposited

Yeast and yeast-like fungi, with the exception of those having properties that may be dangerous to human health.

(b) Technical Requirements and Procedures

(i) Form and quantity

Samples must be sent in test tubes in liquid or gel form or in freeze-dried ampoules in rigid-sided containers. Frozen or deep frozen cultures must be shipped in containers of expanded polystyrene containing a quantity of dry ice sufficient to guarantee 48 hours autonomy at room temperature. The cells of the strain dispatched must be in pure culture and provide a high level of viability. In the presence of contamination by bacteria, molds, other yeasts and acarina, the dispatched culture is immediately sterilized.

(ii) Time Required for Viability Testing

The average length of time required for testing the viability of deposited cultures is 20 days.

(iii) Depositor Checks and Renewal of Stocks

The DBVPG prepares its own batches of the microorganism at the time of deposit by subculturing the material supplied by the depositor. New batches are prepared from these as necessary thereafter for the renewal of diminishing stocks. The DBVPG always stores a portion of the original material supplied by the depositor.

(c) Administrative Requirement and Procedures

(i) General

Language. The official language of the DBVPG is Italian. Deposits are also accepted in English and French.

Contract. The depositor must fill in a form in which he/she declares his agreement on the following:

- to deposit the material only in the required form and quantity;

- to indicate the characteristics of the yeast culture related to danger or pathogenicity;

- to pay all the required fees;

- to comply with the requirements of the Budapest Treaty;

- to comply with the requirements of the DBVPG concerning the deposit of yeasts.

Import and/or Quarantine Regulations. The material accepted for deposit by DBVPG is not required to follow any particular rule.

(ii) Making the Original Deposit

Requirements to be Met by the Depositor. The depositor is required to fill in a deposit form which includes a declaration on the pathogenicity of the yeast culture. Forty-eight hours before shipping the material, the depositor must inform the DBVPG about the number of samples sent for deposit, the means of transportation and the expected time of arrival; in case of air shipment, the DBVPG must be informed of the flight number, destination, number of bill and carrier.

Official Notification to the Depositor. The receipt and the viability statement are issued on mandatory "international forms" BP/4 and BP/9.

Unofficial Notification to the Depositor. If requested, the DBVPG will communicate by telephone the date of deposit and the accession number of the yeast culture, before the official receipt is issued.

Supply of Information to a Patent Agent. If requested, the DBVPG will send a copy of the viability statement to the patent agent.

(iii) Converting a Previous Deposit

Deposits made outside the Budapest Treaty can be converted by the original depositor to deposits under the Budapest Treaty. In this case, the fees normally payable under the Budapest Treaty are due. The requirements are the same as for an original deposit.

(iv) Making a New Deposit

When making a new deposit, the depositor must fill in a deposit form which includes a declaration on the pathogenicity of the yeast culture, and the depositor must send a copy of the documents of the declaration indicated in Rule 6.2. As to the shipment, the depositor must follow the technical requirements and procedures described in point 1(b).

2. Furnishing of Samples

(a) Requests for Samples

The DBVPG does not inform the requesting parties about the procedure to be followed for the request, and does not provide the forms of request which can be obtained from the relevant Patent Office.

The DBVPG assumes that the requesting parties have satisfied all the national requirements concerning importation.

(b) Notification to the Depositor

When the DBVPG delivers samples of the deposited microorganism to third parties, it notifies the depositor by letter.

(c) Cataloguing of Budapest Treaty Deposits

The DBVPG does not include the deposits made under the Budapest Treaty in its catalogs.

3. Schedule of Fees

		EUR
(a)	Storage for 30 years	650
(b)	Issuance of a viability statement	50
(c)	Furnishing of a sample:	
	- agar slants	40
	- freeze-dried samples	15
(d)	Communication of information	25

4. Guidance for the Depositors

The forms of the DBVPG for the deposit contain the recommendations for the depositor.