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RUSSIAN COLLECTION OF MICROORGANISMS (VKM)

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1. Requirements for Deposit

(a) Kinds of Microorganisms that May Be Deposited

Bacteria (including actinomycetes) and microscopic fungi (including yeasts), also if they are carriers of recombinant DNA, are accepted for deposit, to the exclusion of microorganisms that are covered by hazard categories in relation to man, animal or plant health and appear on the lists published by national regulatory authorities.

VKM does not accept for deposit:

- microorganisms whose manipulation needs physical containment levels P2, P3 or P4, as described in “Laboratory Safety Monographs”.

- microorganisms liable to require viability testing that VKM is technically not able to carry out and mixtures of undefined and/or unidentifiable microorganisms.

(b) Technical Requirements and Procedures

(i) Form and Quantity

Cultures submitted to VKM for deposit must be in the form of agar stabs or lyophilized. The minimum number of replicates that must be provided by the depositor is five stabs or 50 ampoules.

(ii) Time Required for Viability Testing

The average length of time required for testing the viability of the different kinds of microorganisms accepted for deposit by VKM is given below; however, depositors should realize that in some cases viability testing may take longer, as indicated by the figures in brackets:

Bacteria	7 days (or up to 30 days)
Fungi	7 days (or up to 25 days)
Yeasts	7 days (or up to 14 days)

(iii) Depositor Checks and Renewal of Stocks

VKM prepares its own batches by subculturing material originally supplied by the depositor. As a rule, new batches are prepared from these and by subculturing VKM's own preparations as necessary thereafter for the renewal of diminishing stocks. VKM routinely asks the depositor to check the authenticity of the preparations made by VKM at the time of deposit from material supplied by the depositor. VKM routinely checks newly received deposits for contamination and, if they are found contaminated, it returns them to the depositor.

VKM stores original material supplied by the depositor.

(c) Administrative Requirements and Procedures

(i) General

Language. The official language of VKM is Russian. Communications may also be exchanged in English.

Contract. VKM does not enter into a contract with the depositor. Completion by the depositor of form BP/1 is considered sufficient.

Import and/or Quarantine Regulations. The kinds of microorganisms accepted for deposit by VKM are not subject to import or quarantine regulations. VKM does not advise the depositor on the procedures he must follow to obtain an import permit. To this effect, the depositor must check the applicable national regulations.

(ii) Making the Original Deposit

Requirements to Be Met by the Depositor. The depositor must complete form BP/1 when making the original deposit and when converting a deposit made outside the Budapest Treaty. He must complete form BP/2 when making a new deposit and form BP/7 when communicating a later designation or amendment of a scientific description and/or taxonomic designation.

Official Notifications to the Depositor. Other than the mandatory "international forms", official notifications are not issued on standard forms.

Unofficial Notifications to the Depositor. VKM does not notify unofficially to the depositor the date of deposit and the accession number nor the result of the viability test before the relevant receipt and viability statement are issued.

Supply of Information to a Patent Agent. VKM does not ask the depositor to supply the name and address of his patent attorney. However, if requested, it will supply copies of the official receipt and viability statement to both the depositor or his attorney.

(iii) Converting a Previous Deposit

Deposits made outside the provisions of the Budapest Treaty may be converted by the original depositor to deposits under the Budapest Treaty, whether or not they were originally deposited for patent purposes. However, any deposits previously made free of charge are subject on conversion to the storage fee normally levied for Budapest Treaty deposits. The administrative requirements for conversion of a deposit not previously made for patent purposes are the same as those to be met in respect of an original deposit made under the Treaty.

(iv) Making a New Deposit

When making a new deposit, the depositor is not required to meet any requirement additional to those provided for in connection with the original deposit.

2. Furnishing of Samples

(a) Requests for Samples

VKM advises third parties of the correct procedure to follow in order to make a valid request and will supply such parties with copies of model request form BP/12 or request forms used by individual industrial property offices.

When responding to requests for samples from overseas, VKM assumes that the requesting party has met the import requirements of his own country.

(b) Notification of the Depositor

VKM does not notify depositors when samples of their microorganism are furnished to third parties.

(c) Cataloguing of Budapest Treaty Deposits

VKM does not list deposits made under the Budapest Treaty in its published catalog.

3. Schedule of Fees

	EUR
(a) Storage (30 years):	
- bacteria (including actinomycetes, cyanobacteria), fungi (including yeasts), archaea, microalgae, cyanobacteria, bacteriophages, plasmids (in hosts and not in hosts)	500
(b) Issuance of a viability statement:	
-bacteria (including actinomycetes, cyanobacteria), fungi (including yeasts), archaea, microalgae, cyanobacteria, bacteriophages, plasmids (in hosts and not in hosts)	100
(c) Furnishing of a sample:	
-bacteria (including actinomycetes, cyanobacteria), fungi (including yeasts). archaea, microalgae. cyanobacteria, bacteriophages, plasmids (in hosts and not in hosts)	100
(d) Communication of information under Rule 7.6 or issuance of an attestation under Rule 8.2	30
(e) Other fees (communication, carriage, etc.)	according to real cost

4. Guidance for Depositors

VKM does not at present produce a standard letter or guidance notes for prospective depositors, but would be willing to answer inquiries or questions, preferably by e-mail.