

**BE – BELGIUM****BELGIAN COORDINATED COLLECTIONS OF MICROORGANISMS (BCCM)**

BCCM is a consortium of complementary service collections. The headquarters and the component collections that accept deposits under the Budapest Treaty are listed hereunder. All applications and/or deposits are to be addressed directly to the appropriate BCCM collection.

The Quality Management System of the BCCM consortium has been certified according to the ISO 9001 standard for, among others, the following activities:

“Accession, control, preservation, storage and supply of biological material and related information in the frame of public deposits, safe deposits and patent deposits under the Budapest Treaty”.

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4. Existence of a practice regarding the handling of deposited microorganisms after the expiration of the period of storage prescribed in Rule 9.1 of the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty

Yes.

5. Description of the practice

A. Microorganisms deposited before 2011:

Microorganisms deposited before 2011 remain stored at BCCM. Additional vials stored as back-ups with BCCM will be destroyed.

Where these deposited microorganisms have reached the expiration of the storage period prescribed in Rule 9.1 of the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty (BT), BCCM will contact and request the depositor to indicate whether the material can be transferred to the public collection of BCCM or must remain stored at BCCM against a fee.

Where the depositor can't be contacted, BCCM will not transfer the deposited microorganism and continue to store it.

B. Microorganisms deposited after 2011:

The depositor may indicate at the time of the deposit in BCCM BP1 Form (that is the form regarding the deposit of microorganisms for the purposes of the patent procedure) whether, after the expiration of the period prescribed by Rule 9.1 of the BT, the material can be transferred into the public collection of BCCM/LMG or the material can be destroyed.

6. Documentation and links

BCCM BP1 Forms are available here:

- BP1 form for patent deposit of bacteria available at: [BCCM BP1 Form for patent deposit of bacteria](#);
- BP1 Form for patent deposit of cell lines, hybridomas, plasmids, plasmid host strains & genetic resources at BCCM/Gene Corner: [BP1 form for patent deposit of cell lines, hybridomas, plasmids, plasmid host strains & genetic resources](#);

BP1 form for patent deposit of fungi at BCCM/MUCL available at: [BP1 form for patent deposit of fungi at BCCM/MUCL](#)