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1. 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.

2. Description of the practice

At the time of the deposit, the depositor may indicate whether the deposited microorganism that has reached the expiration of the period of storage can be transferred from the patent deposit register to another register or catalogue or must remain stored at NBIMCC against a fee. This applies after 2020.

Where no indication is made at the time of the deposit, the depositor is contacted by the IDA at the expiry of the period of storage to indicate whether the deposited microorganism can be transferred from the patent deposit register to another register or catalogue or must remain stored at NBIMCC against a fee. Due to the large number of old deposits, this practice is applied when maintenance of the biological material does not require too many human or financial resources.

3. Documentation and links

THE BUDAPEST TREATY. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR IDAs. 2nd edition, 2018

p. End of the period of storage

<https://bccm.belspo.be/Images/Documents/CodeOfPracticeIDAs20220209.pdf>