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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 material that has reached the expiration of the period of storage can be destroyed or must be returned to the depositor.

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 material can be transferred from the patent deposit register to another register or catalogue, can remain stored at CCM against a fee, can be destroyed or must be returned to the depositor.

Where the depositor can't be contacted, CCM will decide to handle the material based on the options listed above.

3. Documentation and links

No.