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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 how to handle the deposited microorganism in DSMZ BP/1 Form. Depending on the kinds of microorganisms deposited, the deposited microorganism can be transferred into the publicly available collection of the DSMZ, remain stored at DSMZ (extension of the Budapest Treaty deposit) against a fee or remain stored at DSMZ (transfer into a Safe deposit) against a fee or can be destroyed.

Where there is no indication on how to handle the deposited microorganism, DSMZ may try to contact the depositor at the expiry of the storage period of the deposited microorganism and request to indicate whether the material can be transferred into the publicly available collection of the DSMZ or remain stored at DSMZ (extension of the deposit under the Budapest Treaty) against a fee or remain stored at DSMZ (transfer into a Safe deposit) against a fee or can be destroyed.

Where DSMZ can't contact the depositor, the deposited material may be destroyed.

3. Documentation and links

DSMZ deposit forms for patent purposes are available here:

<https://www.dsmz.de/collection/deposit/patent-deposit/deposit-forms>