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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 in VTTCC BP/1 form how to handle the deposited microorganism upon expiration of the storage period prescribed in Rule 9.1 of the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty.

The first deposit at our IDA was made in 2010 and to date none of the deposited microorganisms has reached the end of the storage period.

When the deposit reaches the expiration of the storage period, VTTCC will contact the depositor to inform that the material is being handled in accordance with the information given in the BP/1 form.

No procedures are currently in place for cases where the depositor cannot be contacted.

- a. Microorganisms deposited before 2019

Before 2019 the depositor could indicate whether the microorganism is to be transferred to the public collection of VTTCC, returned to the depositor against a handling fee or disposed by the VTTCC.

- b. Microorganisms deposited starting 2019

The depositor may indicate in BP/1 Form whether the deposit is to be transferred to the public collection of VTTCC or be stored for an extended period against a fee.

The options for disposal of the deposit or returning it to the depositor are not anymore provided.

Where required information is missing, the depositor will be contacted and requested to choose one of the options provided in the BP/1 form at the time of the deposit.

### 3. Documentation and links

VTTCC BP/1 Form is available at the collection website: [VTT Culture Collection\\_Patent Deposit](#).