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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

Depositors are contacted and asked if they wish to continue storage under the terms of the Budapest Treaty for a fee or to move the deposit to the public collection. The option for disposal is not provided.

If depositors cannot be contacted and a Patent is found to have been published relating to that strain, then the strain will be transferred to the public collection

If depositors cannot be contacted and no Patent is found to have been published relating to that strain, CABI may destroy the strain or transfer the strain to the public collection.

3. Documentation and links

Not applicable.