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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 can indicate whether the deposited material that has reached the expiration of the period of storage is to be transferred to and stored in the Biological Resource Center, NITE (NBRC), or returned to the depositor, or destroyed by IPOD.

Before the end of the storage period, the depositor receives a document from IPOD confirming whether the deposited microorganism is to remain stored against a fee, to be transferred to NBRC, or to be returned to the depositor, or to be destroyed by IPOD.

The depositor may indicate a different option from that indicated at the time of the deposit.

If the intention of the depositor isn't confirmed by the end of the storage period, the deposited microorganism will be destroyed.

3. Documentation and links