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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

Deposited microorganisms that have reached the expiration of the period of storage will either be transferred, on request of the depositor, to the CBS public collection and made available to third parties under Rule 11.2(ii) or continue to be stored in the restricted collection of CBS.

Where a depositor would like to receive information on the deposited microorganism or where a request for a sample is received concerning the deposited microorganism, CBS will ask the depositor to extend the duration of storage against a fee.

3. Documentation and links

No.