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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 IAFB BP1 Form, whether the deposited microorganism that has reached the expiration of the period of storage can be transferred from the patent deposit register to another register (or catalogue), must be returned to the depositor or can be destroyed.

If there is no indication and the depositor can't be contacted, IAFB will decide to handle the deposited microorganism based on the options listed above.

3. Documentation and links

No.