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1. Requirements for Deposit

If an invention relates to a microorganism which cannot be easily obtained by an ordinary skilled person in the relevant art, the patent applicant must deposit a culture of the microorganism at a microorganism depositary authority registered by the Ministry of Economy or an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

Furthermore, the patent applicant shall state the deposit information such as the date of deposit and the deposit number in the description of the patent application and submit the document evidencing the deposit of the microorganism.

(UAE Cabinet Resolution No. (6) of 2022 on Industrial Property Regulations, Article 10 (1), (2))

2. Time of Deposit

The microorganism must be deposited before the date of filing the patent application.

(UAE Cabinet Resolution No. (6) of 2022 on Industrial Property Regulations, Article 10 (1))

3. Duration of Storage

No Provision

4. Conditions for the Furnishing of Samples

(i) Time of Availability of Samples

Samples of a deposited microorganism become available to any requesting party after the date of the publication of the patent application or the registration of the patent application.

(ii) Restrictions Concerning the Furnishing of Samples

The furnishing of samples of a deposited microorganism is only available in the case where the samples are used for testing or scientific research purposes. The requesting party should not allow any third party to make use of the furnished microorganism.

(UAE Cabinet Resolution No. (6) of 2022 on Industrial Property Regulations, Article 11 (1), (3))