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# 1. Requirements for Deposit

The description of the processes of the strain, cell chain, consortium shall be brought in the examples of realization of inventions regarding the strain of the microorganism, plant or animal line, strain or cell consortiums.

If the description thereof is not sufficient for the realization of invention, data on the deposit of the microorganism shall be submitted (the name or abbreviation, address and the registration number of the depositary center).

# 2. Time of Deposit

The date of deposit shall precede the date of filing the application or where the priority is claimed, the date of priority of invention.

### 3. Duration of Storage

The deposit with the aim of patent procedures shall be deemed as realized if the strain, cells chain or consortium are stored in the international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms or in the National Collection authorized for the deposit of strain, cells chain, consortium, which guarantees the protection of the viability of strain, cells chain, consortium at least during the viability period of the patent.

# 4. Conditions for the Furnishing of Samples

### (i) Time of Availability of Samples

Where a patent application relating to a deposited biological material has been refused or withdrawn, the deposited biological material shall only be available to third parties for 20 years from the date of filing of the application, if so requested by the applicant.