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CULTURE COLLECTION OF YEASTS (CCY)

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1. Requirements for Deposit

(a) Kinds of Microorganisms that May Be Deposited

Yeasts which can be stored in liquid nitrogen or as active cultures without any substantial change in their properties.

Yeasts whose storage can be accomplished by standard laboratory techniques without appreciable adapting during storage in liquid nitrogen or during storage on agar slant.

(b) Technical Requirements and Procedures

(i) Form and Quantity

The CCY accepts microorganisms for deposit as either lyophilized preparations or active cultures. The minimum number of replicates that must be provided by the depositor when making his deposit is four for lyophilized preparations and two for agar slope cultures.

(ii) Time Required for Viability Testing

The average length of time required for testing the viability of yeasts cultures by the CCY is six days, but in some cases viability testing may take as long as 14 days.

(iii) Depositor Checks and Renewal of Stocks

The CCY prepares its own batches of yeasts by subculturing the material supplied by the depositor. New batches are prepared from the depositor's original material for the renewal of stocks. The CCY routinely asks the depositor to check the authenticity of the preparations made by the CCY at the time of deposit from material supplied by the depositor.

The CCY stores original material supplied by the depositor.

(c) Administrative Requirements and Procedures

(i) General

Language. The official language of the CCY is Slovak. Communications are also accepted in English.

Contract. The CCY does not enter into a written contract with the depositor defining the liabilities of either party. However, by signing the CCY deposit form, the depositor surrenders any right to withdraw his microorganisms during the required storage period.

Import and/or Quarantine Regulations. Import and/or quarantine regulations do not apply to the kinds of microorganisms accepted by the CCY for deposit.

(ii) Making the Original Deposit

Requirements to Be Met by the Depositor. The depositor is required to complete the equivalent of model form BP/1, which is used by the CCY as its accession form for Budapest Treaty deposits. In the event of a later indication or amendment of the scientific description and/or proposed taxonomic designation, and a request for attestation that the CCY has received such information, the depositor must complete the equivalent of model form BP/7.

Official Notifications to the Depositor. The receipt and viability statement are issued on mandatory “international forms” BP/4 and BP/9, respectively. Attestation of receipt of a later indication or amendment of the scientific description and/or proposed taxonomic designation is issued on the equivalent of model form BP/8. Notification of the furnishing of samples to third parties is issued on model form BP/14. Standard forms are not used for other official notifications.

Unofficial Notifications to the Depositor. The CCY does not telephone or telex the date of deposit, accession number or results of the viability test in advance of the relevant official notifications.

Supply of Information to a Patent Agent. The CCY does not routinely ask the depositor for the name and address of his patent agent. However, if requested, the CCY will send copies of the receipt and viability statement to both the depositor and his patent agent.

(iii) Converting a Previous Deposit

Deposits made outside the provisions of the Budapest Treaty may be converted by the original depositor to Budapest Treaty deposits, whether or not they were originally deposited for patent purposes. All conversions are subject to the storage fee normally levied for Budapest Treaty deposits, regardless of whether any fee had previously been paid in respect of those deposits.

The administrative requirements for conversion are the same as those to be met in respect of an original deposit made under the Treaty.

(iv) Making a New Deposit

The depositor is required to complete model form BP/2 when making a new deposit and to supply copies of the relevant documents required by Rule 6.2. The receipt and viability statement are issued on mandatory “international forms” BP/5 and BP/9, respectively.

2. Furnishing of Samples

(a) Requests for Samples

The CCY advises third parties of the correct procedures to follow in order to make a valid request. In the case of requests requiring proof of entitlement, the CCY will provide requesting parties with copies of model request form BP/12 and/or request forms used by individual industrial property offices (where it has been supplied with such forms).

When responding to requests from overseas, the CCY assumes that the requesting party has met the import requirements of his own country.

All samples furnished by the CCY are from batches of its own preparations.

(b) Notification of the Depositor

Depositors are notified on model form BP/14 when samples of their microorganisms have been furnished to third parties.

(c) Cataloguing of Budapest Treaty Deposits

The CCY does not list Budapest Treaty deposits in its published catalog.

3. Schedule of Fees

	<u>EUR</u>
(a) Storage	664
(b) Issuance of a viability statement	33
(c) Furnishing of a sample	40

4. Guidance for Depositors

The CCY does not produce a standard letter or guidance notes for prospective depositors.