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1. Requirements for Deposit

The three following organizations are appointed by the Patent Office to perform the functions of national depository institutions: The IAFB Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (Institute of Agricultural and Food Industry), the Polish Collection of Microorganisms (Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy) and the National Public Health Institute.

The requirements of deposit of microorganisms with the said Institutes are in conformity with the Budapest Treaty.

2. Time of Deposit

Under the existing practice, the deposit must be made at the filing date of the patent application, at the latest.

3. Duration of Storage

Under the existing practice, the duration of storage is that of the life of the patent, plus three additional years.

4. Conditions for the Furnishing of Samples

Under the existing practice, samples of deposited microorganisms are furnished to the Patent Office, upon request, and to any other requesting party, on condition that the request is communicated to the depositor and that the requesting party declares that he will use the sample only for experimental purposes and that he will not make it available to any third party.