

Section E: Requirements of Industrial Property Offices of States Party to the Budapest Treaty and of Intergovernmental Industrial Property Organizations

Introduction

(i) General

This section describes the statutory requirements and the practices of the industrial property offices of the States party to the Budapest Treaty and of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), the European Patent Organisation (EPO) and the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) as regards the deposit of microorganisms for the purposes of patent procedure.

(ii) Information on Industrial Property Offices

The industrial property offices are listed by country, followed by the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), the European Patent Organisation (EPO) and the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), according to the following scheme: country, name of industrial property office, address, telephone, telefax and telex numbers and electronic and Internet addresses, if any.

1. Requirements for Deposit

Information is given on the question whether the deposit with an international depositary authority of a microorganism which is the subject of a patent application, is obligatory in order to describe the invention adequately.

2. Time of Deposit

The time limit is indicated for depositing with an international depositary authority a microorganism which is the subject of a patent application.

3. Duration of Storage

Information is given on the length of time during which a microorganism deposited with an international depositary authority must be stored by the said authority.

4. Conditions for the Furnishing of Samples

(i) Time of Availability of Samples

Information is given when samples of deposited microorganisms should be available to any requesting party.

(ii) Restrictions Concerning the Furnishing of Samples

Information is given with respect to restrictions on the availability of samples of deposited microorganisms.