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1. Requirements for deposit

Article 23(3) of Annex I to the Bangui Agreement instituting an African Intellectual Property Organization Act of December 14, 2015, stipulates that “where the invention involves the use of a microorganism, the Organization shall reserve the right to require the applicant to submit a sample of the microorganism as issued by the depository institution or by the international depository authority”.

Administrative Instruction No. 1.01-2 stipulates that “where the invention involves a microorganism or the use of a microorganism, a receipt attesting the deposit of the microorganism, issued by a depository institution or an international depository authority specified in the Implementing Regulations, shall in addition be filed”.

2. Time of deposit

No provisions.

3. Duration of storage

No provisions.

4. Conditions for the furnishing of samples

No provisions.