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BUDAPEST TREATY ON THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PATENT PROCEDURE

The following information is published for general notice in regard to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (done at Budapest on 28 April 1977 and amended on 26 September 1980):

- (1) The Republic of South Africa deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on 14 April 1997. In terms of Article 16(2) of the Treaty, the Treaty will enter into force with respect to the Republic of South Africa on 14 July 1997;
- (2) The list of the States and Intergovernmental Organisations party to the Budapest Treaty as at 14 April 1997, and the list of International Depositary Authorities recognised under Article 7 of the Budapest Treaty are set out in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

**Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the
Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure**

Budapest Treaty (1977), modified in 1980

Status on April 14, 1997

State	Date on which State became party to the Treaty
Australia	July 7, 1987
Austria	April 26, 1984
Belgium	December 15, 1983
Bulgaria	August 19, 1980
Canada	September 21, 1996
China	July 1, 1995
Cuba	February 19, 1994
Czech Republic	January 1, 1993
Denmark	July 1, 1985
Estonia	September 14, 1996
Finland	September 1, 1985
France	August 19, 1980
Germany	January 20, 1981
Greece	October 30, 1993
Hungary	August 19, 1980
Iceland	March 23, 1995
Israel	April 26, 1996
Italy	March 23, 1986
Japan	August 19, 1980
Latvia	December 29, 1994
Liechtenstein	August 19, 1981
Netherlands ¹	July 2, 1987
Norway	January 1, 1986
Philippines	October 21, 1981
Poland	September 22, 1993
Republic of Korea	March 28, 1988
Republic of Moldova	December 25, 1991
Russian Federation	April 22, 1981 ²
Singapore	February 23, 1995
Slovakia	January 1, 1993
South Africa	July 14, 1997
Spain	March 19, 1981
Sweden	October 1, 1983
Switzerland	August 19, 1981
Tajikistan	December 25, 1991
Trinidad and Tobago	March 10, 1994
Ukraine	July 2, 1997
United Kingdom	December 29, 1980
United States of America	August 19, 1980
Yugoslavia	February 25, 1994

(Total: 40 States)

**DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE FILED UNDER ARTICLE 91(1)(a) OF THE BUDAPEST
TREATY BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY ORGANISATIONS**

Organisation	Effective Date
European Patent Organisation (EPO)	November 26, 1980

INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITIES UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE BUDAPEST TREATY³

Institution	Country	Date status acquired
Advanced Biotechnology Center (ABC)	Italy	February 29, 1996
All-Union Scientific Centre of Antibiotics (VNIIA)	Russian Federation	August 31, 1987
Agricultural Research Service Culture Collection (NRRL) ..	United States of America	January 31, 1981
American Type Culture Collection (ATCC)	United States of America	January 31, 1981
Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL) ...	Australia	September 30, 1988
Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCM)	Belgium	March 1, 1992
Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures (CES)	Netherlands	October 1, 1981
China Center for Type Culture Collection (CCTCC)	China	July 1, 1995
China General Microbiological Culture Center (CGMCC) ..	China	July 1, 1995
Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT)	Spain	May 31, 1992
Collection Nationale de Cultures de Micro-organismes (CNCM)	France	August 31, 1984
Collection of Industrial Yeasts DBVPG	Italy	January 31, 1997
Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)	United Kingdom	September 30, 1982
Culture Collection of Yeasts (CCY)	Slovakia	August 31, 1992
Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)	Czech Republic	August 31, 1992
DSMZ - Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ)	Germany	October 1, 1981
European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC)	United Kingdom	September 30, 1984
International Mycological Institute (IMI)	United Kingdom	March 31, 1983
Korean Cell Line Research Foundation (KCLRF)	Republic of Korea	August 31, 1993
Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM)	Republic of Korea	June 30, 1990
Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology (KRIBB)	Republic of Korea	June 30, 1990
National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC)	Bulgaria	October 31, 1987
National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCALM)	Hungary	June 1, 1986
National Collection of Food Bacteria (NCFB)	United Kingdom	February 28, 1990
National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)	United Kingdom	August 31, 1982
National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)	United Kingdom	January 31, 1982
National Collections of Industrial and Marine Bacteria Limited (NCIME)	United Kingdom	March 31, 1982
National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology (NIBH)	Japan	May 1, 1981
Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)	Russian Federation	August 31, 1987
Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM), GNII Genetike	Russian Federation	August 31, 1987

(Total: 30 Authorities)

¹ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

² Date of ratification of the Soviet Union, continued by the Russian Federation as from December 25, 1991.

³ A list of the kinds of microorganisms that may be deposited with, and the amount of fees charged by, the international depositary authorities appears under "Notifications Concerning Treaties Administered by WIPO" in Industrial Property and Copyright, 1997, p.48.

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