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1. Requirements for Deposit

(a) Kinds of Microorganisms that May Be Deposited

Cell lines (human, animal, plant and hybridomas), eukaryotic DNA, plasmids (either in hosts or not in hosts), EXCEPT:

- cell lines having properties which are or may be hazardous to human health and/or the environment;
- cell lines which have special requirements for experimentation.

(b) Technical Requirements and Procedures

(i) Form and Quantity

Whenever possible, cell lines submitted to KCLRF for deposit should be in the form of frozen and viable culture. All cell lines submitted to KCLRF for deposit should be free of contaminants.

The minimum number of replicates that must be provided by the depositor is as follows:

Cell lines in frozen form: 7

(ii) Time Required for Viability Testing

The average time required for testing the viability of cell lines accepted by KCLRF is as follows:

Cell lines (animal, plant and hybridomas)	14 days (or up to 28 days)

In some cases, the test may take longer.

(iii) Depositor Checks and Renewal of Stocks

KCLRF prepares its own batches in frozen form at the time of deposit by subculturing the microorganism supplied by the depositor. New batches are prepared from these as necessary thereafter. The depositor is required to check for authenticity samples of all batches prepared by KCLRF. Regardless of the methods for preparing the batches of samples for distribution, KCLRF stores a portion of the original material supplied by the depositor.

(c) Administrative Requirements and Procedures

(i) General

Language. Korean is the official language of KCLRF, but correspondence may be carried out also in English.

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

Import and/or Quarantine Regulations. Overseas depositors must contact KCLRF in advance for advice about the shipping of their cell lines. Certain pathogens are subject to import and/or quarantine regulations. KCLRF advises prospective depositors concerning the procedures which must be followed to obtain the necessary permits.

(ii) Making the Original Deposit

Requirements to Be Met by the Depositor. Depositors are required to complete the equivalent of model form BP/1, which is used by KCLRF 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, 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 model form BP/8. Notification of furnishing of a sample to a third party is issued on model form BP/14. KCLRF has its own standard forms for other official notifications.

Unofficial Notifications to the Depositor. If requested, KCLRF will telephone the date of deposit and accession number after the microorganism has been received, but before the official receipt is issued. KCLRF will similarly communicate the result of the viability test before the viability statement is issued.

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

(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 only if they were originally made for patent purposes. The administrative requirements for the conversion are similar to those to be met in respect of an original deposit made under the Treaty, except that the depositor is required to supply also a copy of the receipt for the previous deposit. All conversions are subject to payment of the normal storage fee levied on Budapest Treaty deposits, regardless of whether any fee had been paid previously in respect of those deposits.

(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 for a new deposit are issued on mandatory "international forms" BP/5 and BP/9, respectively.

2. Furnishing of Samples

(a) Requests for Samples

KCLRF 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, KCLRF will provide the requesting parties with copies of a model request form BP/12 and/or request forms used by individual industrial property offices (where they have been supplied with such forms).

KCLRF furnishes samples on the basis that it is the responsibility of the requesting party to ensure that it complies with any relevant health and safety requirements. When responding to requests from overseas, KCLRF assumes that the requesting party has met the import requirements of its own country.

All samples of cell lines furnished by KCLRF are from batches of its own preparation.

(b) Notification of the Depositor

Depositors are notified in model form BP/14 when samples of their cell lines have been furnished to third parties.

(c) Cataloguing of Budapest Treaty Deposits

KCLRF does not list Budapest Treaty deposits in the catalog of its publications.

3. Schedule of Fees

Services	KRW
1. Deposit (including initial viability check, preservation and storage for 30 years)	
- Original deposit (eukaryotic DNA, plasmids)	800.000
- Original deposit (human, animal and plant cell cultures, hybridomas)	900.000
- New deposit	70.000
2. Furnishing of a sample	
- Eukaryotic DNA, plasmids	100.000
- Human, animal and plant cell cultures, hybridomas	150.000
3. Issuance of a viability statement	
- Where a viability test is requested	70.000
- On the basis of the most recent viability test	10.000
4. Issuance of an attestation under Rule 8.2	10.000
5. Communication of information under Rule 7.6	10.000

Fees do not include transport costs or bank fees.

4. Guidance for Depositors

KCLRF does not at present produce specific written notes for the guidance of prospective depositors, but is always ready to give advice by telephone or letter.