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1 Presentation of the certification program

1.1 Reference language of this document

The text of this document is English.

1.2 Introduction

As Tchoukball's global governing body, the International Tchoukball Federation developed a program of material certification. Certification is a confirmation that a product meets certain standards. This program currently extends to the certification of tchoukball, Tchoukball frames, and nets for Tchoukball frames.

With this program, the FITB wants to support manufacturers and distributors wishing to put top quality Tchoukball equipment on the market adapted to a good practice of Tchoukball and bring satisfaction to Tchoukball players.

Indeed, the fast development of Tchoukball those last years on an international level has encouraged the FITB to set up this program which allows:

- to help the final consumer to choose quality material adapted to the practice of Tchoukball,
- to ensure uniformity in Tchoukball material used in international events, to ensure the correct and pleasant practice of Tchoukball with top notch products,
- to contribute to the financing of the FITB in order to allow Tchoukball to be developed effectively throughout the world,
- to support the manufacturers in the realization of Tchoukball frames and tchoukballs which will fulfill the needs of Tchoukball players,
- to offer the opportunity to the manufacturers to obtain an Official FITB certification which guaranties that Tchoukball equipment satisfies or goes above the FITB standards for Tchoukball equipment.

This could allow the manufacturer, if the results of the test are positive, to receive an official FITB certificate of approval as well as the right to mark their certified Tchoukball equipment with the official FITB certification mark.

2 To develop a "win-win" collaboration with the manufacture and distribution companies

2.1 Presentation of collaboration

Tchoukball development at international level is closely related to the possibility of providing top quality of Tchoukball equipment.

In many countries, Tchoukball has developed greatly thanks to an intelligent and profitable collaboration between the representatives of Tchoukball and the sport material manufacturers, everyone bringing its knowledge and its expertise.

Convinced by the interest of this collaboration, with this certification program, the FITB wants, to develop a partnership with manufacturers and companies distributing sport and leisure material. This

program seeks to develop a "win-win" collaboration with these companies which want to benefit from the fast and global development of Tchoukball.

2.2 Rights of the holders of FITB certification

Thanks to this program the FITB gives the three following rights to the Certification Holder:

2.2.1 Rights to sell their Tchoukball material with the official FITB certification mark.

This certification shows that:

- the certified equipment successfully passed the rigorous tests of the FITB and
- the equipment satisfies to the FITB standards defined in the FITB technical regulations,
- the manufacturer regularly conducts quality tests to ensure a uniform quality of Tchoukball products carrying the FITB certification mark.

2.2.2 Rights to market certified FITB Tchoukball Equipment

This right makes it possible to use the certification mark in catalogues and/or Internet sites in order to market their Tchoukball products having obtained the certification mark. The use of the certification mark is on the other hand prohibited whenever confusion could be possible between certified products and not certified products.

2.2.3 Right to use FITB marketing services

The certification holders can also benefit of a package of marketing service offered by the FITB in order to support their sales.

It includes:

- an official FITB certificate attesting the certification of this particular material
- the access to some promotional activities that will be developed in co-operation with the FITB
- priority to be given to certification holders to advertize in the official programs of FITB Events (contact the organizer of the events to see the possibilities and conditions)

2.3 Support for the manufacturers

The present certification program has the particular aims to support the manufacturers in the manufacturing of material that reaches the FITB standards necessary to a good practice of Tchoukball.

The director of the FITB technical commission will advise the manufacturers to the extent of its possibilities, in order to help them build Tchoukball equipment that may be approved by the FITB.

At any time, in specific situations, the FITB can change any rules of this document to assist manufacturers to reach these standards

2.4 Duties of the Certification Holder

The duties of the Certification Holder are defined by the present rules & regulations, and, after a successful application, by the contract signed between the FITB and the Certification Holder. They include in particular:

- the acceptance of the complete FITB certification rules & regulations
- the timely payment of certification fees
- the submission of a report detailing the number of frames sold by countries
- the use of a quality control according to FITB rules
- the obligation to produce and/or distribute material strictly identical to the model(s) certified by the FITB
- the obligation to put a certification mark on all Certified Tchoukball equipment sold by the Certification Holder.

The elements quoted above represent only a part of the duties of Certification Holder. More information on these obligations is contained in the present rules & regulations.

3 Important information about the certification program

3.1 tchoukballs and Tchoukball frames used at official FITB Events

Only FITB certified Tchoukball frames and Tchoukballs can be used for all FITB official Events.

3.2 Responsibilities within the FITB

3.2.1 Certification of material, technical regulations, tests and controls

The technical regulation, the tests, the quality controls and the certification of material are placed under the responsibility of the "Director of the technical commission" in collaboration with the Members of the FITB technical commission and the Executive Committee of the FITB.

The technical test for obtaining a FITB certification can exclusively be carried out by the technical commission of the FITB under the responsibility of the Director of the technical commission.

3.3 Categories of certification brought by the FITB

The program is based on the classification of the equipment in two categories:

3.3.1 "Official Events tchoukballs, nets and frames"

"FITB Top quality certified: Official Event frame " or "FITB Top quality certified: Official Event net "or "FITB Top quality certified: Official Event tchoukball "

This material fulfils the highest requirements of the FITB and is the only material that can be used at the FITB Events.

3.3.2 "Official leisure tchoukballs, nets and frames"

"FITB Quality certified: Official leisure frame "or "FITB Quality certified: Official leisure net "or "FITB Quality certified: Official leisure tchoukball "

This material fulfils the minimum requirements of the FITB. This material is adapted to a good practice of Tchoukball.

3.4 Price and payment

3.4.1 Price net of tax and other fees

All the prices indicated in this regulation are net without tax, and without wire transfer fee which shall be paid in full by the Applicant and/or Certificate Holder

3.4.2 Payment

Unless otherwise specified by written, all the payments will have to be made in US dollars and transferred, without deduction of any fee or expenses of any type, on the bank account of the International Tchoukball Federation.

3.5 Certification Fees of tchoukball

3.5.1 Amount of the Certification Fee

Every year, The Certification Holder commits himself to pay a FITB certification fee for each certified tchoukball. The certification fees per category (i.e. size, type, etc) of tchoukball are :

| Certification | Annual certification fee per certified tchoukball |
|---|--|
| "FITB Top quality certified: Official Events tchoukball " | 1000.00 (US dollar) |
| "FITB Top quality certified: Official leisure tchoukball " | 500.00 (US dollar) |

3.5.2 Supply of the sales report and payment schedule

By January 30th of each year, the Certification Holder will pay the certification fee for each items certified and in addition provides to the FITB a detailed report of the number of tchoukballs sold during the past twelve-month period.

This calculation will indicate for each certified tchoukball:

- the number of Tchoukball sold
- the country(ies) (and if possible the area) in which these tchoukballs were sold to the final consumers.

The last statement is important; because it will allow the FITB to financially support the country (ies) were the sales occurred.

The FITB will maintain this information confidential.

3.5.3 Objections

If the FITB has doubts regarding the report given by the Certification Holder or in case of dissension on the report presented by the Certification Holder, the FITB could require that the Certification Holder presents its accounts and any other useful document (customer order, invoices, etc...) having been used as a basis for the report.

In the event of a refusal of the transmission of such documents by the Certification Holder or if the FITB doubts the exactitude of the litigious report, the FITB could cancel the Agreement with the Certificate Holder immediately.

In any cases, and even in the event of objection on the given report, the payment to the FITB of the certification fee estimated by the Certification Holder will intervene within the deadlines according to the above article. In case of cancellation of the Agreement no refund on FITB certification fee will be made to the Certification Holder.

3.6 Certification Fees of Tchoukball frames

3.6.1 Introduction to the certification of the Tchoukball frames

The certification of "complete" Tchoukball frame is carried out on the basis of the certification of the two components of the frame:

- the metallic structure (including all the metal piping, the support system and the hooks)
- the net (including the net, the metal rings, the rubber bands, the link unit of the rubber bands)

The FITB Certification Holder commits himself to put on (or to have put on) a Tchoukball frame having obtained a certification: "FITB Top Quality certified: Official Event frame" and a net having obtained a certification: "FITB Top quality certified: Official Event Net".

In the same way a FITB Certification Holder commits himself to put on (or to have put on) a Tchoukball frame having obtained a certification: "FITB Quality certified: Official leisure frame" and a net having obtained at least a certification: "FITB Quality certified: Official leisure Net".

3.6.2 Amount of the Certification Fees

The Certification Holder of the metallic structure and/or the net of the frame, commits itself to pay to the FITB a certification fees to acquire official FITB certification stickers, minimum order of 200 stickers, to be put on the frame and the net. The fees per category and sticker are:

| Certification | Amount of the certification royalty per sticker |
|--|---|
| "FITB Top quality certified: Official Event frame " | 10.00 (US dollar) |
| "FITB Quality certified: Official leisure frame " | 6.00 (US dollar) |
| "FITB Top quality certified: Official Event net " | 8.00 (US dollar) |
| "FITB Quality certified: Official leisure net" | 4.00 (US dollar) |

3.6.3 Order of certification stickers and method of payment

The holder of a valid FITB certification can in any time order a minimum of 200 official certification stickers by sending to the FITB an "order form of official FITB certification stickers"

As reception of the payment corresponding to the amount of the order the FITB will send the stickers, if available in stocks, to the certification holder.

The Certificate Holder will receive a discount of 10% of the order of 500 stickers or more.

3.6.4 Supply of the calculation of the sales

By January 30th of each year, the Certification Holder shall provide to the FITB a detailed report of the number of frames and/or nets sold during the past year.

This report will indicate for each model of certified Tchoukball frame and/or net:

- the number of sold items
- the country (and if possible the area) in which these items were sold to the final consumers.

The last statement is important; because it will allow the FITB to financially support the country (ies) where the sales occurred.

The FITB will maintain this information confidential

3.7 Marking of the material

In the event of obtaining the FITB certificate, the Certification Holder shall mark the material that obtained this certification with the FITB official certification mark.

3.7.1 For the metal structures of the Tchoukball frame

The official FITB certification stickers will be stuck in a visible location on the frame (on the metallic tube that makes it possible to tighten the net.)

3.7.2 For the nets of the Tchoukball frame

The official FITB certification stickers will be stuck in a visible in one of the corners of the net.

3.7.3 For the tchoukball

As a certification mark the FITB will provide a logo, and the Certification Holder shall print this logo on the certified tchoukball.

3.8 *Modification of a certified product*

The Certification Holder shall present in writing to the FITB, before changing the name of the product or carrying out any modifications of the equipment (design or material). According to the importance of the modification the FITB will decide the action to be undertaken (for example: simply take note of the change, ask to partially or completely test the equipment in question, provide a new certificate, etc).

A change of the name of a product already certified will require the publication of a new FITB certificate.

3.9 *Responsibility of the FITB*

The FITB is responsible to make sure, as much as it is possible, that the products which it certifies, in using the documentation provided by the applicant, fulfills the requirements described in the present regulation. Although the FITB is involved with the Certification Holders assuring the quality of the products that they distribute with the certification mark, the FITB can not in any case take responsibility for products manufactured by a Certification Holder and therefore the FITB is not liable for any injury, damage that may occur when using Tchoukball equipment.

3.10 *Responsibility of the Certification Holder*

The Certification Holder is responsible to make sure that the products covered by the certificate and marked by the certification mark are in conformity in any point with the product having been certified by the FITB. These products must be perfectly appropriate to the use for which they are intended and should not cause any accidents or injury.

The Certification Holder is responsible to appropriately inform the user of Tchoukball product, how to safely, and correctly use its product.

4 Introduction to the certification procedure

4.1 *Conditions to receive certification*

The certification mark of the FITB can be received by any manufacturer or distributor by applying and fulfils the following conditions:

- the equipment shall satisfy to the FITB standards defined in this document:
- technical regulation of the tchoukball,
- technical regulation of the Tchoukball frames and nets for Tchoukball frames

- the applicant must follow the certification procedures as it is described below and commit himself to respect the present regulations.

4.2 Language for the correspondence

All the correspondence concerning the certification of the material shall be in English.

4.3 Revision of the regulation on certification

If the FITB feels necessary, it reserves the right to modify without notice the present regulations. The holder of a certification given according to the former regulation shall also observe the new rules & regulations. In any case, it will be given to the Certification Holder at least six (6) months to adapt itself to the modified rules.

4.4 Appeals against FITB decisions

Appeals against FITB decisions are to be made in writing to the FITB. The executive committee of the FITB will make a decision on the relevance of the appeal and on the corrective actions that should be taken.

4.5 Court of jurisdiction

The court of jurisdiction is that of Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

5 Steps of the certification procedure

You will find hereunder the procedure to be followed, step by step to acquire the FITB certification mark.

5.1 Sending the required documents to the FITB

5.1.1 Sending the material and the paperworks to the FITB

To facilitate the process of the certification, the applicant has two options:

- 1) First Evaluation: send details pictures of the items to be certified, along with the required forms and pictures (see point 5.3.1.) and fees described in point 5.2
- 2) By-pass this First Evaluation: send the items to be certified, along with the required forms and fees described below.

The applicant sends to the director of the FITB technical commission the filled form "EH-04-V2-Application_Form_Homologation_R&R" with its appendices.

Director of the Technical Commission Federation International of Tchoukball
The International Tchoukball Federation
No: 74 Dao De Street, SeNan Village Luju downtown
Kaohsiung County, Taiwan, R.O.C. 82145

In order to prevent any conflict, the applicant will make itself acquainted with the rules and regulations

for FITB material certification and will declare complete comprehension of these regulations when he is sending a certification application.

For each Tchoukball frame, net and each size of tchoukball, it is necessary to fill one of the Appendix included in the Application Forms for each item.

5.2 Tchoukball Frame or Net Certification Fees

At time of sending the application to the FITB, the applicant shall pay the certification fee of US dollar **\$300.00**. This payment allows the applicant to do two more tests with the FITB as he wishes on the model concerned by his application.

After the First Evaluation (see point 5.1.1 option 1) if the applicant decides to withdraw its application 50% of the certification fee will be refunded to the applicant. If the applicant chooses the options 2 described above, (point 5.1.1. option 2) no refund of the certification fee will be made to the applicants

No refund would be made by the FITB in case the certification is not granted.

5.2.1 For a tchoukball Certification

The applicant sends out the payment corresponding to one (1) year Agreement of tchoukball (of any size). The payment will correspond to a total of :

1000. – US Dollars for "FITB Top quality certified: **Official Event tchoukball** "

500. – US Dollars for "FITB Quality certified: **Official leisure tchoukball** "

5.2.2 For a complete Tchoukball frame certification (frame + net) or net only

After the first evaluation has been done and the results have been communicated to the applicant, the applicant sends out the payment corresponding to a first order of a minimum of two hundred (200) certification stickers with the items to be certified for the second evaluation. The payment will correspond at least to:

Tchoukball frames:

2000. – US Dollars for the frame and net of the "FITB Top quality certified: **Official Event frame**"

1200. – US Dollars for the frame and net of the "FITB Quality certified: **Official leisure frame** "

Tchoukball nets

1600 – US Dollars for the net of the "FITB Top quality certified: **Official Event Net** "

800. – US Dollars for the net of the "FITB Quality certified: **Official leisure Net** "

If the applicant decides to directly by-pass the first evaluation, then he/she shall pay the certification fee described in point 5.2, AND the fee described above.

5.3 First evaluation of the Tchoukball frame on the basis of documents

In order to help the applicant, the FITB can, on request of the applicant and on the basis of some documents provided by the applicant, carry out a first evaluation of a "complete" Tchoukball frame or of part of it.

This procedure is designed to:

- to accelerate the procedure in certain case
- to minimize the carriage costs for the applicant

These first evaluations do not commit the FITB in any manner to providing certification. The only objective is to help the applicant manufacture and design a Tchoukball frame which can be certified by the FITB.

5.3.1 Steps to obtain a first evaluation

The applicant sends to the FITB:

- the certification application form signed by the applicant
- the payment Described on point 5.2 for a frame or net, and 5.2.1 for tchoukball.
- the following photographs: (for a first evaluation of an complete Tchoukball frame)
 - photos of the complete frame :
 - with the support system in the open position
 - with the support system in the closed position
 - 'face on'(allowing to clearly distinguish the meshes of the net)
 - detailed photos of the :
 - welding;
 - hooks;
 - nuts and bolts;
 - final node (or final nodes) of the net;
 - fasteners to bind of rubber bands;
 - floor protecting shoes.

After the results of the first evaluation and if the applicant wants to continue the certification process he/she shall follow the following steps.

5.4 Sending the material to the FITB

The material shall be sent to the following address:

Director of the Technical Commission Federation International of Tchoukball
The International Tchoukball Federation
No: 74 Dao De Street, SeNan Village Luju downtown
Kaohsiung County, Taiwan, R.O.C. 82145

The applicant sends to the indicated address:

- for the certification of a frame: two specimens of the Tchoukball frame
- for the certification of a tchoukball: six identical specimens
- and the requested fees mentioned above

This material will not be returned to the applicant.

5.5 Communication of the results

The evaluation process begins once the FITB has received:

- the application signed by the applicant

- the payment for the marking of the first series of Tchoukball equipment to be certified
- the material to be certified

The Director of the Technical Commission sends the results of the test to the applicant within 2 months.

5.5.1 In the event of the material not passing the technical test

The applicant will be contacted by the FITB technical commission with the results and with the reasons of the failure. He could possibly propose some solutions as well as the steps to be undertaken to try to pass a new test. During the period of this certification application, the applicant can submit to the technical commission the improved Tchoukball equipment two more times.

If more than two tests are needed, for the same item, the applicant shall resubmit a new application with the full amount of the required fee per item.

5.5.2 In the event of the material passing the technical test

The applicant receives from the FITB two specimens of the Certification Agreement for signature.

5.6 Finalization of the agreement and handing-over of the certificate

The applicant sends by mail two signed Certification Agreement to the head of the FITB certification program.

5.6.1 Response of the head of the FITB certification program

Following the reception of the two Certification Agreement signed by the applicant, the FITB sends to the applicant:

- a specimen of the countersigned Certification Agreement
- an official FITB certificate for the certification of the certified Tchoukball equipment
- the first two hundred ordered stickers (for the certification of a frame or a net)
- the exact FITB certification logo to be printed on the tchoukball of this model.

6 Quality control

6.1 Introduction

Once a product has obtained FITB certification, it is important that each specimen of this product sold thereafter with the certification mark respects all the points of the regulations for FITB certification.

By taking the required steps to obtain a FITB certification, the future Certification Holder commits itself to take all the necessary steps in order to ensure a strictly uniform quality to the specimen of the product that was certified. This declaration from the Certification Holder remains valid as long as its products are sold on the market with the certification mark.

In order to encourage the observance of the certification rules, the FITB included in its regulations the procedures presented below:

- Internal quality control to be carried out by the Certification Holder
- Keeping an internal quality control report for the certified Tchoukball equipment
- Controls carried out by the FITB
- Actions taken in the event of irregularity
- Sanction system towards the certification holders

6.2 The 3 steps of the quality control

6.2.1 Internal quality control to be carried out by the Certification Holder

The Certification Holder must have a quality control system for the certified products that it distributes. This system must guarantee that the products marked with the certification mark meet **ALL** the criteria defined by the FITB Homologation rules and regulations. Upon FITB request the Certificate Holder shall provide all details of this system.

6.2.2 Keeping an internal quality control report for the certified Tchoukball equipment

Considering the many defects that could appear in the construction of a Tchoukball frame, net, tchoukball, the FITB has established specific requirements concerning the Certification Holder of a Tchoukball frame.

In order to detect the appearance of possible defects, the Certification Holder of a Tchoukball frame and/or net will keep up to date a report which will point out some particular aspects of the quality control test.

The form model below (figure 1.) represents the eight minimum topics having to appear in the report of a complete certified Tchoukball frame.

If the Certification Holder separately sells the metallic Tchoukball frame and the nets, the quality control will be carried out in the following way:

- for the metallic structure: only items 1 to 6 will be controlled
- for the net: only items 7 to 8 will be controlled

The certification holders are completely free to reinforce these requirements, with its own regulations.

The frequency of control must be at least of 1 out of 100 frames (metal frame and/or of the nets) being manufactured and/or sold.

The Certification Holder must send the FITB technical commission a copy of this report once a year in January 30th. A failure of keeping this report, as well as a delay of more than 4 weeks in sending this report to the technical commission sanctions may occur against the Certification Holder according to the present regulations.

Figure 1.

Name and address of the certification holder:.....

Person in charge for the quality control in the company:.....

Model of metallic frame concerned:

Certification given by the FITB for the metal structure:

N°: Go back to attribution: Expiration date:

Model of net concerned:

Control on the frame and the net:

- 1) Dimension: external dimensions:
- 2) The angle of the frame with regard to the horizontal (once the support system is opened)
- 3) Stability: Is the frame perfectly stable (on a plane surface)
- 4) Painting: resistance of painting:
- 5) Welding: quality of the welding:
- 6) Control on the net - Deflection: the deflection with a 5 kilo weight hung in the centre of the net is in mm (see technical regulation)
- 7) Control on the net - Meshes: regularity of the meshes
- 8) Control on the net - Size: maximum and minimum size of the net without the metallic buckles and tended on the frame

6.2.3 Controls carried out by the FITB

Control test will be undertaken by the FITB on products available on the market. Tests will be carried out on products holding the certification mark in order to control:

- the uniformity of their quality
- that no modification was undertaken on the product without prior agreement of the FITB
- that the marking is made correctly on the certified products
- that the marketing of these products is done with respect to the FITB rules.

6.2.4 Actions taken in the event of irregularity

In the case of the discovery of an irregularity, the following steps shall be taken.

6.2.5 Contact of the technical commission

If the test of a certified product gives a negative result, the Certificate Holder will be immediately contacted by the FITB technical commission.

6.2.6 Obligations of the Certification Holder

The Certification Holder shall stop production and sale of the article concerned within 48 hours of being contacted by the Technical Commission. Production and sales can start again only with the agreement of the FITB.

He will be asked to send to the technical commission within the next three (3) weeks:

- the reasons of the negative result of this test and proposals to avoid this kind of problem in the future.
- the copy of the internal quality report concerning this product

6.2.7 Further tests by the FITB technical commission

According to the need and possibilities of the FITB technical commission, other tests may be carried out on products by the same Certificate Holder.

6.2.8 FITB Decision and correction measure

After analysis of the information received by the Certification Holder and according to the seriousness of the irregularity, and proposals' given by the Certification Holder, the FITB shall decide the measure which it intends to undertake to prevent that such an event does not happen again.

Possible examples of measures are:

- the sending of a letter to the Certification Holder to inform it that its proposals "to avoid this kind of problem in the future" appear sufficient and is well adapted,
- the sending of a letter to the Certification Holder with a warning,
- the temporary withdrawal of certification while waiting that the product in question passes a certification test again, partially or completely,
- final withdrawal of the certification,
- stop saling the product in question with the FITB certification mark.
- The Certification Holder is responsible and shall inform the customers, importers, wholesalers, stores, etc that the articles are not in conformity with the FITB standards anymore. The Certification Holder is liable for any costs.

7 Withdrawal and validity of the certificate

7.1 *Withdrawal of a certificate*

The FITB can, immediately, temporarily or in a permanent way, withdraw a certificate from its holder if:

- it neglects to respect and fulfill whatsoever the present certification regulations
- it misused the name of the FITB, or used certification marks with products which did not fulfill the FITB standards or products which were not certified by the FITB
- it did not pay the certifications fees within the deadlines
- it falls into bankruptcy or enters into liquidation
- it did not ensure the quality controls of the certified Tchoukball equipment, such as they are described in the present regulation
- during a later examination, technical defects appeared on the material that had been certified by the FITB.
- An abusive use of the certification mark or certificate also, in addition to the withdrawal of certification, the FITB could undertake any legal action against the Certification Holder that it deems necessary.

7.1.1 Steps to be undertaken by the Certification Holder in case of withdrawal of the certificate

In case of a withdrawal of the certificate, and if no other agreement is contracted, the Certificate Holder shall imperatively and immediately:

- stop manufacturing or selling material marked with the FITB official certification mark.
- stop using in its marketing products any reference to the FITB. certification
- makes sure that the marking of the products in stock is removed
- the Certification Holder shall return to the FITB all the left over stickers at the latest 4 weeks after the notice of the expiration of the certification. No refunds will be given by the FITB.
- This material cannot be used anymore at official FITB competitions.

7.2 Non-transferrable certificate

The certificate given by the FITB is not transferable.

7.3 Validity of the certificate

The certificate remains valid until December 31, 2012.

8 Appendices: technical regulations

Appendix 1:

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Appendix 2:

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