

Certification of organic products in Ukraine

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Profile of ABCERT AG

- about 9500 certified operators (7500 farmers, 2000 manufacturers)
- accredited in Germany, Italy and Czech Republik for all branches and operators in organic
- other standards in certifications:
 - all German private organic labels (Bioland, Demeter...)
 - international standards: e.g: NOP (US-organic), BioSuisse, GlobalGAP, Q&S, partnership for IFS
- 45 permanent employees at 9 locations
- 90 subcontracted inspectors

Identification of certified organic products on a global market



“DE-006-Öko-Kontrollstelle”

*“certified organic by
ABCERT AG”*

proved quality (deriving from a certified organic system)

- security for traders
- consumer's orientation



Certification Labeling

basic requirements of an (international) organic market

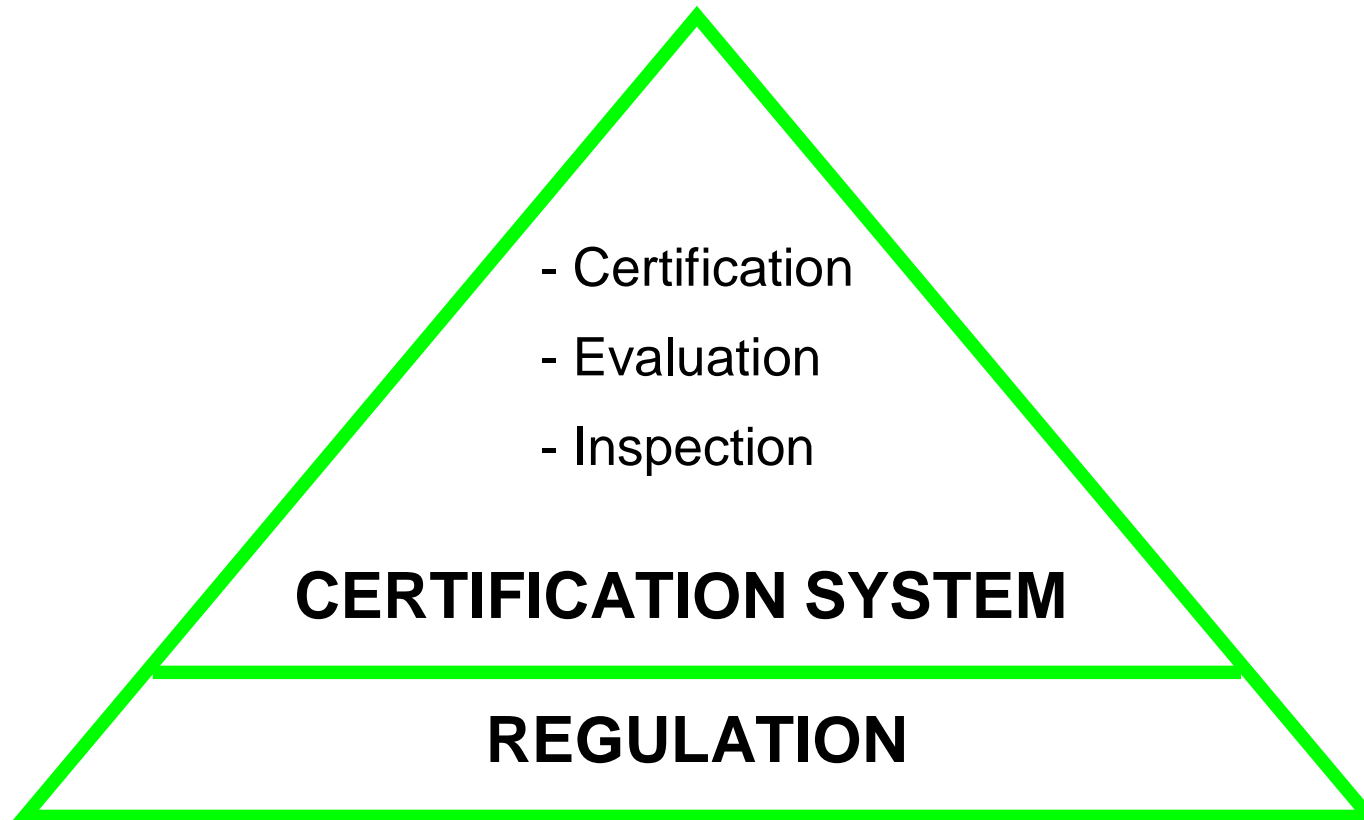


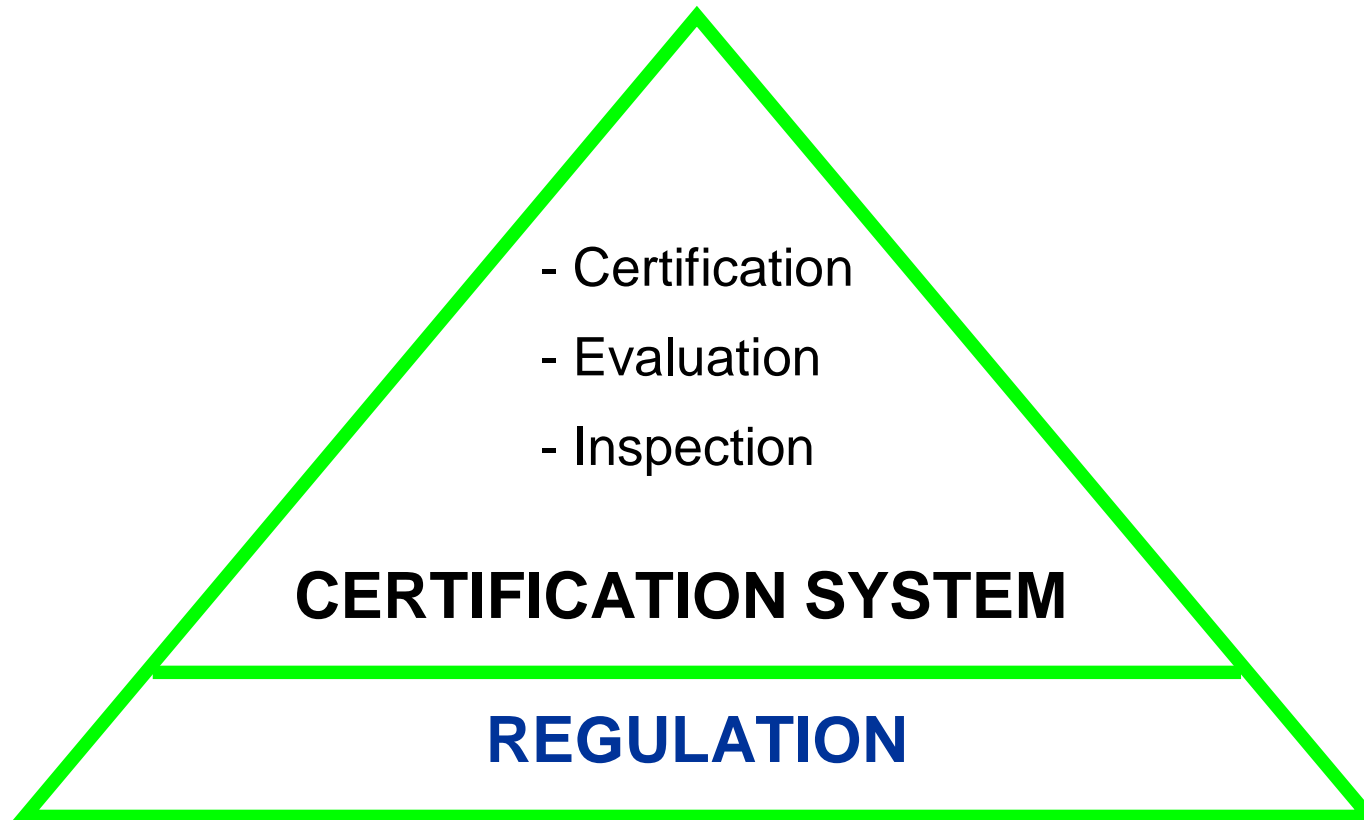
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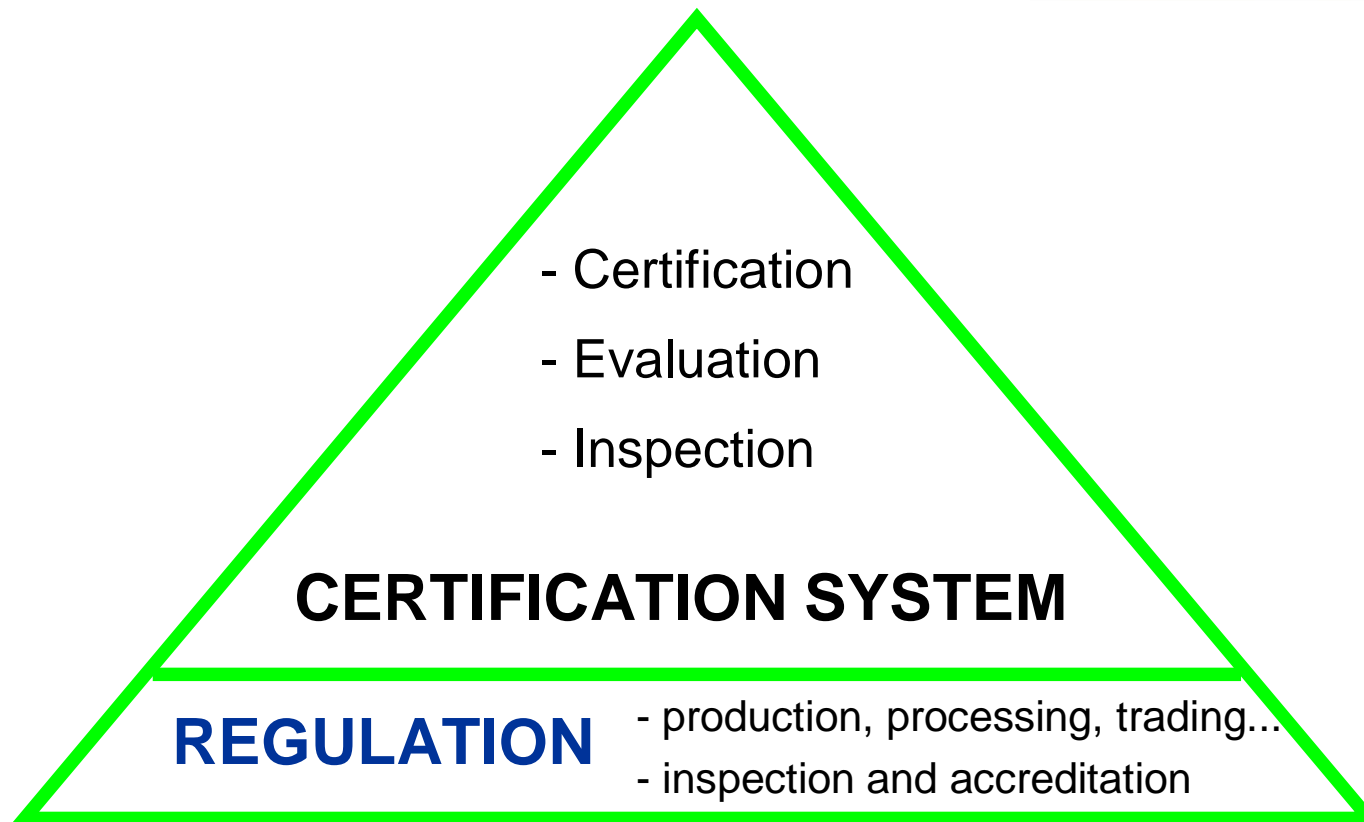
„from regulation to certification“

- basics of certification
- steps of certification process
- institutions involved
- > with focus on actual critical points

inspection
evaluation
certification







public or private powers

European Community
Associations (Bioland, Demeter etc.)



Regulation

- set of minimum production and processing rules (standards)
- evaluation criteria for standards
- specific inspection regime obligatory for all operators involved
- accreditation of inspection bodies
- voluntary logo

Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91

became effective in 1991

- basic standards for certification of organic products in EU

aim: legal protection of label “organic”

Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91

Inspection Sections (Annex III)

- *Unprocessed* agricultural crop and livestock products
- *Processed* agricultural crop and livestock products
- Import from third countries
- Operations contracted third external parties
- Livestock Feed
- from 2005 on: Trade

Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91

Section A:

Crop Production

- seeds, seedlings, planting stock
- input, storage, labeling

Livestock production

- origin of animals, conversion
- disease prevention, husbandry management practices, housing feed

Annex II Inputs:

- fertilisers and soil conditioners
- products for plant protection
- feed materials, feed additives
- products for cleaning and disinfection of livestock buildings

Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91

Section B: Processing

- recipes, ingredients, processing aids
- facility pest management, separation, storage,
- labeling

Annex VI Processing Aids:

- ingredients (agricultural origin / non-agricultural origin)
- processing aids
- food additives
- carriers, flavouring

Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91

direct effect:

- consumers protection / transparency
- fair competition between operators

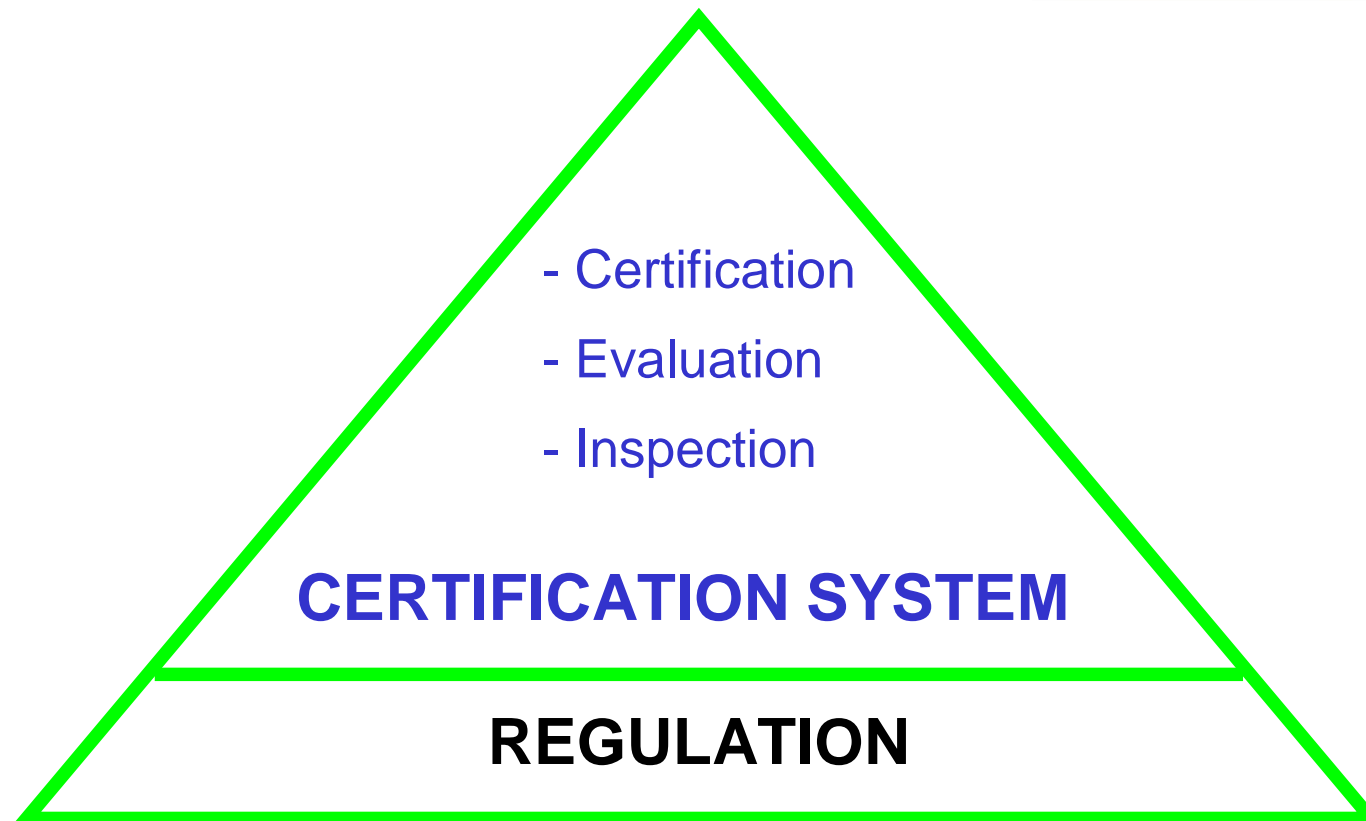
indirect effects:

- structure to organic sector
- official recognition
- catalysed similar development outside EU
(Australia, Island, Lichtenstein, Norway)

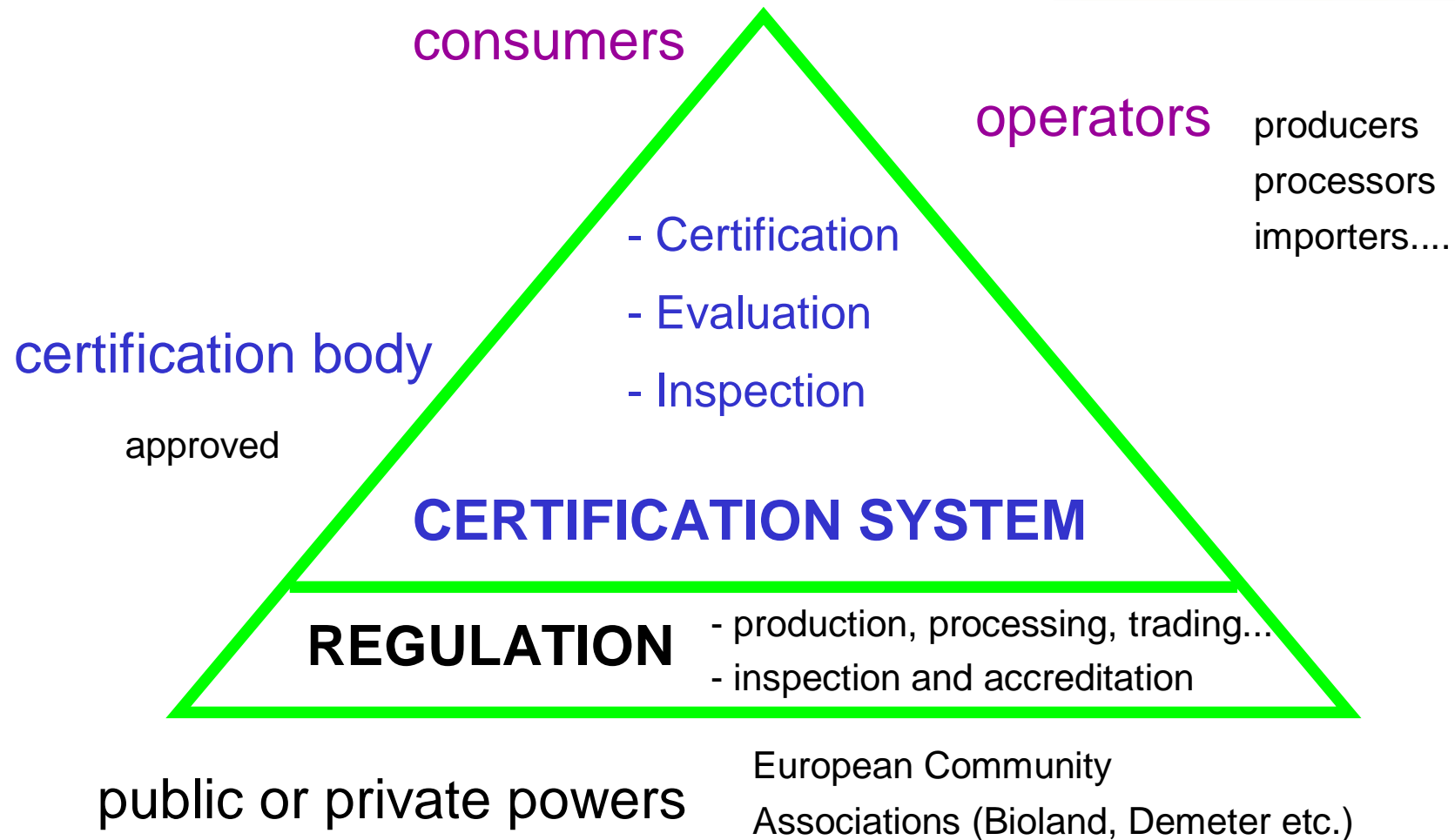
Council Regulation will become revisioned

New revision reg. EC 834/2007

- becomes valid at 2009-01-01
- new basic regulations – new system of exceptions
- annexes will be probably equal
- new import regulations
 - list of accepted countries for direct import
 - equivalent inspection and certification system
 - complaint inspection and certification system



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Inspection, Evaluation and Certification

Inspection

- initial inspection
- ongoing inspection, unattended inspections
- inspection of external facilities or sub-contracted operations

-> risk orientation

On-site Inspection

- documentation: *producer* inputs, products, animals.....
processor ingredients / recipes.....
- audit trail: quantity produced/sold, traceability
- facilities:
 - pest management
 - livestock conditions
 - fields
 - external facilities
- labeling: products named as organic
Name or number of the CB
labels



evaluation

- proofing of the on site inspection reports
- imposing orders, sanctions and deadlines
- overview these orders, sanctions and deadlines



certification

- Is personally strictly separated from inspection / evaluation
- Allows the organic labelling to the operators
- confirms keeping to the standards to the operators



develop an organic certification system in UA

- A) organic products for the EU-market
- B) organic products for Ukraine
- C) own organic regulations in Ukraine

develop an organic certification system in UA

- A) organic products for the EU-market
- production against reg. (EC) 2092/91
 - Inspection and certification by a EU accredited – CB
 - Labeling as EU-organic
 - Import-authorisation possible for an EU-importer



develop an organic certification system in UA

B) organic products for Ukraine

- Inspection and certification by own CBs or authorities
- private or public regulations

develop an organic certification system in UA

C) own organic regulations in Ukraine

- should orientate themselves in the EU laws
- Could be accredited by the EU (third country list)
- should be developed together by producers, science and authorities



Cooperation with ABCERT

- A) Inspector for ABCERT in UA
- B) Representative for ABCERT in UA
- C) Branch office of ABCERT in UA
- D) joint venture company



Cooperation with ABCERT

Inspector for ABCERT in UA

- trained and educated by ABCERT
- processes and customers are managed in Germany
- work only for single jobs as inspectors
- certification process in Germany



Cooperation with ABCERT

Representative for ABCERT in UA

- trained and educated by ABCERT
- processes and customers are managed in Germany
- acquire new customers
- representative at information events
- inspections for ABCERT
- certification process in Germany



Cooperation with ABCERT

Brach office in UA

- representative at events, **own office**
- inspections for ABCERT
- managing of ABCERT customer processes
- managing of national organic standards as well
- Political representatives
- Certification process in Germany



Cooperation with ABCERT

joint venture company in UA

- Independent work in UA, acquire new customers
- managing of **own** customer processes
- managing of national organic standards as well
- Political representatives
- inspections by the new company
- certification process in UA, own accreditation of the CB

Thank You for Your attention!

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