

APPROVAL OF THE REGULATION OF THE ACT No. 20089 WHICH CREATES THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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DECREE No.3_2016/ As: The provisions of Article 32 No. 6 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Chile; Decree With Force of Law No. 294 of 1960 of the Ministry of Finance, Organic Law of the Ministry of Agriculture; Act No. 18755 which establishes the organization and powers of the Agriculture and Livestock Service; Act No. 20089 which creates the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products; Decree With Force of Law No.1/19653 of 2000 of the Ministry of the Secretary General of the Presidency which drafted the consolidated, coordinated and systematized text of Act No. 18575, the Organic Constitutional Law of General Basis of State Administration; Decree No. 36 of 2006 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Resolution No. 1600 of 2008 of the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic.

CONSIDERING:

That the Act No. 20089, which creates the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products, stipulates in its article 5 that: *"The requirements and protocols to register the different parties involved in the System and to implement the different phases of the operation itself shall be established in a regulation that shall be issued for this purpose and, in this case, by means of technical rules. The aforementioned regulation and technical rules shall be respectively approved and made official by decrees from the Ministry of Agriculture and consequently these will be of a mandatory nature."*

That by means of the Decree No. 36 of 2006 of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Regulations were approved of Act No. 20089, which created the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products, which was amended by Decree No. 86 of 2011 of the Ministry of Agriculture.

That organic agriculture is a dynamic activity, and the processes thereof change with time, creating the need to update the regulations that govern said activity.

That it was decided to issue a new Regulation for the Act 20089, which creates the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products, with the purpose of adapting it to the new requirements on this matter, and to derogate Decree No. 36 of 2006 of the Ministry of Agriculture.

DECREE:

1. Let the Regulation be approved for the Act 20089, which creates the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products, and which reads as follows:

Heading I General provisions

Article 1.- The purpose of this regulation is to establish the requirements and protocols to register in the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products and to regulate other aspects that are necessary for the proper operation of said system, in accordance with Act No. 20089. The provisions of this regulation shall apply to the certification instances, whether these are certification bodies or organizations of ecological farmers, and to operators operating in the field of organic agriculture.

Article 2.- Without prejudice to the definitions established by the Act, for the purposes of this regulation, it is understood by:

- a) Organic, ecologic or biologic agriculture: A holistic system of forestry and agricultural production based on the methods of ecological management with the main objective of achieving sustainable productivity based on the preservation and/or recovery of the natural resources in accordance with the stipulations of the current Technical Regulation.
- b) Inspection: on-site visit to verify that an agricultural activity complies with the regulations of a certification program.
- c) Inspector: person appointed by the certification instance and authorized by the Service to perform inspections.
- d) Certification instance or certifying instance: The responsible authority for verifying whether the forestry, agricultural or livestock production is performed in compliance with the applicable technical regulations for producing products that are organic or organic in transition. This includes the certification bodies and organizations of ecological farmers.
- e) Act: the Act No. 20089, which created the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products.
- f) Technical Standards, International Standards or equivalent Chilean technical regulations: those that have been made official by decrees from the Ministry of Agriculture, for the purposes described in articles 5 and 6 of the act.
- g) Operator: An operator is a natural or legal person who has signed a certification agreement on organic products with a certification body or an organization of ecological farmers registered with the Agriculture and Livestock Service and is, therefore, allowed to produce, process and/or market organic products and has the responsibility to ensure that these products comply with the certification requirements. Likewise, the national marketers who do not take part in any production or processing work and who are directly inspected by the Service and also have to comply with the stipulations of the applicable regulation are considered to be operators.
- h) Registry: Registry of the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products.
- i) Service: The Agriculture and Livestock Service.
- j) System: National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products.
- k) OEF: Organization of Ecological Farmers (OAE in Spanish).

I) Complementary Regulations: Any other resolution issued by the Service regarding the matters governed by the Act, the Technical Regulation or the present Regulation.

Article 3.- The Service will be the competent authority responsible for inspecting compliance with the Act, with the present regulation, with the technical regulation and its complementary regulations.

Heading II The National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products

Paragraph 1.- The System

Article 4.- The National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products aims to guarantee and certify that the organic products are being produced, processed, packed and handled in compliance with the regulations that govern this matter.

Article 5.- In accordance with the provisions of the Law, it will only be allowed to use the description of "organic products" or their equivalents, such as "ecological products", "biological products", "bio", "eco", or a combination thereof, among others, for forestry or agricultural products that meet the current technical standards for production, processing, conservation and marketing and are certified in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of this Regulation.

Article 6.- To be recognized as an organic product, any forestry or agricultural product that originates from an organic production process, must be certified by a certifying instance, which can either be a certification body or an organization of ecological farmers previously registered with the Service, in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.

Article 7.- For formal registration in the System, in accordance with articles 3 and 5 of the Act, the producers, processors and organic market participants must be registered in the registry of the National Certification System for Organic Products, managed by the Service and must comply with the current technical regulation, approved by Decree No. 02, of 2016, of the Ministry of Agriculture or the regulation that replaces it.

Article 8.- The Service will manage a registry of all certification instances, whether these are certification bodies or organizations ecological farmers. Similarly, it will also manage a register of all technical standards for organic production.

Article 9.- It will be the responsibility of the Service to manage and control the use of the official distinctive seal for organic agricultural products. In accordance with the provisions of the present regulation, it may entrust this task to certifying instances that are registered in its Registry.

Paragraph 2.- The operators

Article10.- The operator must comply with the following obligations and provision for control:

- a) Perform productive, processing and/or marketing operations in accordance with the current technical regulations;
- b) Have records that allow production traceability in accordance with the current technical standards;

- c) Allow access to premises and documentation, enabling the information delivery when inspections are carried out by the Service.
- d) Allow access to premises and documentation, enabling the information delivery when announced or unannounced inspections are carried out by the certification instances;
- e) Submit its resignation from the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products to the relevant certification instance;
- f) Maintain its certification valid and receive at least one inspection within a period not exceeding 12 months;
- g) Inform the Service and the relevant certification instance about any irregularity or noncompliance that may affect the organic nature of the products or of those received from other operators or subcontractors;
- h) Authorize the Service to publish the following information: <u>Area of certification; Name or</u> <u>Company name, Country Region; Municipality; Establishments (premises or processing</u> <u>plants); Certification Body; Validity of the certification; Category/type; and Quality</u> <u>(Organic or in transition).</u>

This can be included when publishing the contact information, provided the operator explicitly consents to this.

Paragraph 3.- General conditions for the Registry of the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products

Article 11.- The registration in this Registry will be mandatory for every certifying instance, national or foreign, private or public.

Article 12.- The Service will establish and keep an updated Registry of certification instances, this registry will specify the number or code assigned to said instance, the name of the instance, the date of registration in the Registry and the expiration date, as applicable. Contact information will only be published after explicit authorization by the instance.

Article 13.- The legal entities that have, among their partners, directors, administrators, managers, shareholders or workers who are staff members, employees for the Service or persons employed on a freelance basis, may not be registered as certification instances.

Article 14.- Registration procedure for the Registry. The interested instance must submit an application form to the Service for registration in the Registry. In addition, before submitting the application, the instance must pay the corresponding applicable fee. This fee will not be reimbursed to the interested party, should the request be rejected.

Once the application has been submitted, with all the necessary documentation and once the requirements the present Regulation refers to have been fulfilled, the Service will proceed to evaluate that documentation, for which it may carry out on-site monitoring. If the result of this evaluation is favorable, the applicant will be notified and will be incorporated in the Registry, together with the information mentioned in article 12 of this regulation.

If the submitted application does not correspond with all the documentation, the Service will return the documents to the certifying instance, so it can rectify or add the erroneous or missing documentation, as appropriate, in order to allow this instance to submit the request again, within a term of thirty working days.

When the aforementioned deadline has passed and the application has not been submitted again, the well-founded decision of the Service to reject the registration will be communicated.

Article 15.- The certifying instances must regularly report the results of their performed activities in the Organic Agriculture Computer System or by means determined by the Service, in accordance with the terms and formats established by the Service.

Without prejudice to the aforementioned, the certification bodies and OEF must keep their list of staff that includes the operators, permanently updated, in accordance with the information formats determined by the Service. This list will be published on the website of the Service, in accordance with current legislation.

Article 16.- The registered instance must inform the Service, as soon as something changes in the documentation that was submitted for its incorporation in the Registry.

Article 17.- The certifying instances must carry out at least one inspection per year in each production unit of their operators. The Service may require the certifying instance, when justified, to increase inspections, according to the characteristics of the operator.

Article 18.- At any moment and within a period determined by itself, the Service may directly request any registered certification instance to accredit the continuity of the conditions that allowed its registration.

Article 19.- The suspension or deletion of an entry from the Registry will be based on the information obtained during the annual supervision and/or inspection, or any other information that the Service may deem relevant for this purpose.

Paragraph 4.- Requirements and obligations of the Certification Bodies

Article 20.- To be listed in the Registry, the certification bodies will have to prove that they comply with the formalities, requirements and technical and professional protocols necessary to perform the certification tasks described in the Act, the present Regulation, the technical regulation and its complementary regulations, in accordance with the provisions that follow.

Article 21.- The certification bodies must meet the following requirements:

a) Have a current legal personality, issued in accordance with national or foreign legislation, as appropriate;

b) Be accredited to certify products in accordance with Chilean Regulation-ISO 17065:2013 or its international standard ISO/IEC No. 17065, registered in the registry that the Agriculture and Livestock Service keeps for that purpose, pursuant to article 6 of Act No. 20089, which will be published on the webpage of said Service, with a scope within the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products, or the regulation that replaces it, provided that it does not oppose the provisions of the present Regulation.

Without prejudice to what is mentioned above, the Service will be able to request additional documents or documentation to verify compliance with this requirement.

c) Inform the Service, at the moment of registration, about the procedures that will be used to inspect the different operators;

d) Have certificate formats suited for the conditions determined by the Service;

e) Have a plan for corrective measures and actions in case of noncompliances or nonconformities from the different operators, consistent with the inspection of the Service;

f) Publish the service fees charged to the private sector on an appropriate medium, and furthermore have an identifying logo or symbol for the instance;

g) Have an organization in which the staff that performs inspection work is composed of professionals or technicians in the area of forestry and agriculture, who have proven

competences in organic production and a minimum experience of 2 years in product or process certification.

To accredit the experience, an affidavit must be presented indicating the institution, place and period in which tasks in the area of product or process certification were performed.

To accredit the competences, prior to the request for registration in the Registry, the inspectors must participate in a test organized by the Service, concerning the matters to be certified in accordance with Decree No. 02, of 2016, of the Ministry of Agriculture and its amendments. The frequency and content of these tests will be determined by the Service and these will be valid to perform the task of inspector for 5 years, once the respective test has been passed. Furthermore, the Service will be able to revoke the authorization of an inspector if this person does not perform his function in compliance with the regulations in force.

h) Have at least one technical officer who will be the contact person for the Service, someone with a degree in the area of forestry and agriculture, who studied for at least 8 semesters, and also has at least 3 years of experience in certifying organic products.

To accredit the experience, an affidavit must be presented indicating the institution, place and period in which tasks in the area of organic product certification were performed.

i) Possess technical and administrative infrastructure to perform the certification;

j) Offer a guarantee for faithful performance of activities, for the amount of two hundred 'Unidades de Fomento' (Chilean indexation unit), by means of a voucher, an endorsable term deposit, insurance policy or bank guarantee slip in the name of the Agriculture and Livestock Service.

Article 22. The certification bodies must submit, together with the application form for registration in the registry, the following documentation:

- a) A photocopy of the Chilean Unique Tax Number of the applicant;
- b) A photocopy of the identity card of the respective legal representative or official identification document in the case of foreigners;
- c) An authorized copy of the articles of association of the instance, with its respective modifications, if any;
- d) A photocopy of the publication of the respective extract, if applicable;
- e) A current certificate of legal personality, not older than ninety days, issued by the competent authority and certificate of registration in the Trade Register;
- f) A document that states the identity of the legal representative of the body;
- g) Accreditation certificate to certify products within the scope of the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products, in accordance with the International Standard ISO/IEC No. 17065 or the standard that replaces it, which will be verified by any of the following documents:
 - i. Certificate issued by the INN, Chilean National Institute for Standards; or
 - ii. Certificate issued by another accreditation authority that is a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) or of the Inter American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC); or
 - iii. Certificate issued by another accreditation authority, which, in turn, has to be accredited for ISO/IEC 17011:2004 or COPANT/ISO/IEC 17011:2004 and its respective modifications.
- h) Individual identification form for the responsible technical officer(s), inspectors and other staff members who perform certification work, completely filled out and signed by the legal representative of the applicant;
- i) Diploma, original or legalized photocopy, of the responsible technical officer and the inspectors;

- j) Curriculum vitae of the responsible technical officer and of the certification team:
- k) Curriculum vitae of the staff that performs the inspection work, accompanied by the document that proves the experience in certifying products or processes;
- I) The description of the procedures that need to be applied to certify and control the different operators in accordance with the technical regulations in force;
- m) Organization chart of the body, identifying each person by name, function and responsibilities;
- n) Manual for quality and procedures;
- o) Fee System;
- p) Models of the certificates issued by the instance;
- q) Model of the official seal that will be used;
- r) Description of the technical and administrative infrastructure;
- s) Copy of the fee payment receipt;
- t) Certificate of successful test result for inspectors;
- u) Sworn statement in which the applicant confirms that none of the circumstances described in article 13 of the present regulation apply.

Article 23.- The Certification Bodies and the staff thereof that performs the certification work, must continuously maintain the conditions that allowed its registration and comply with all the requirement this imposes.

Article 24.- The certification bodies must meet the following requirements:

- a) Allow inspections, deliver information and meet the requirements determined by the Service, within the framework of performing its supervising and inspection functions;
- b) Provide the guarantee of faithful compliance, as described by the resolution that approves its registration in the Registry, this must be valid for as long the body is registered.
- c) Provide the Service, on June 30th of each year, an annual report on its activities, which must, at least, include the following:
 - i. Management summary for the certification body, highlighting the following aspects: Introduction; Executive overview of the year; structure, and organization changes.
 - ii. Results of the audits, evaluations and trainings given to inspectors and staff members who perform certification work;
 - iii. List of certified operators updated for the evaluated period, only mentioning the operator's identification and risk classification, in accordance with the provisions of the Service;
 - iv. Inspection program for operators; and
 - v. Conclusions on the management period.
- d) Store the information it receives from its operators, for the purposes of its certification activities;
- e) Report pests or disease that require mandatory inspection to the Service;
- f) Adopt the appropriate measures when the Service communicates the result of a sanction process that affects one of its operators.
- g) Adapt its procedures to follow the guidelines of the Service.
- h) Carry out annual pesticide residue sampling in, at least, 5% of the operators that are certified, approaching the closest integer. The samples may include gathering and analysis of soil, water, waste, vegetable tissue; and samples of vegetable, animal and processed products.
- i) Carry out unannounced visits to at least 10% of its operators during the respective season.

- j) Conduct at least one inspection visit to each production unit of its operators within a period not exceeding 12 months.
- k) The certification body will have to transfer its control files when an operator informs that he will switch to another body. The information must be delivered to the new instance within a period not exceeding 15 calendar days, counted from the date the operator communicated the change of instance.
- I) When the certification of an operator is suspended or revoked, the buyers of the product should receive a written notice to guarantee that the labels mentioning the organic quality of the product are withdrawn from that production.
- m) When an operator resigns from the System, the certifying instance must store its control file for a period of at least five years.
- n) The information on its operations must be updated in the computer system for organic agriculture or in any other medium the Service determines for this purpose.

Article 25.- To fulfill their certification tasks in Chile, foreign certification bodies must comply with all the requirements established in this regulation, register in the Registry and have a legal representative and an address in Chile, where all the Documentation required to carry out supervising and inspection activities is stored.

Article 26.- The certification bodies shall provide their inspectors with a credential, in order to identify themselves when performing their duties, containing individual identification of the inspector, and the characteristics and indications determined by the Service for this purpose.

Article 27.- Certification bodies may not take part in certification processes in which there is a certain degree of interest from the partners or staff of the body, or persons who are spouses, children or relatives up to and including the third degree of consanguinity and second degree of affinity with respect to said partners or staff. Likewise, the certification bodies will not be able to take part in those certification processes in which there is any possible circumstance restricting their impartiality.

Paragraph 5.- Requirements and obligations of the Organizations of Ecological Farmers.

Article 28.- To enter the Registry, the OEF will have to prove that it complies with the formalities, requirements and technical protocols to execute the certification tasks defined in the Act, the present regulation, the technical regulations and its complementary regulations.

Article 29.- For OEF to be registered with the Service, they must comply with the following requirements:

- a) Belong to an organization with a current legal personality;
- b) Comply with the production requirements established in the Act, the present regulation, the official technical regulations in force and the complementary regulations;
- c) Keep records of its production activities that allow to create a system for traceability;

d) Have an internal control system, covering at least the following aspects:

d1.- List of the persons that make up the internal control system;d2.- Methods and records of the control activities that allow to establish the level of supervision for the members of the group;

d3.- Updated information of the group members (name, Chilean unique Tax Number, name or identification of the premises, geographical location, total area of the premises specifying the organic cultivation area, production types, production destination, management plans, subcontracts if any, among others);

d4.- Manual for internal procedures. This manual must contain a schematic of the group structure, describe how the members are controlled and which confidentiality policy needs to be followed. This manual must specify the rights and duties of the members; the technical standards to be used; the inspection procedure; the procedure to appoint internal inspectors; the procedure for decision making and risk assessment; the frequency of visits; the procedure for infractions and sanctions for not complying with technical standards or other obligations; among others, all of which must be in accordance with the regulations of the Service.

d5.- Ensure compliance with the Chilean technical regulations for organic production;

d6.- Sworn statement or engagement letter of each one of its members, promising to follow the procedures of the internal control system of the group;

d7.- Appoint a person responsible for the internal control system who will be the contact person for the Service for the corresponding inspections;

d8.- Flow of the market process for the products.

Article 30.- For the purposes of the National Certification System for Organic Agricultural Products, the organizations with a valid legal personality, with annual sales that do not exceed the equivalent of 25,000 'UF' (Chilean indexation unit), will be regarded as OEF.

The organizations mentioned in the previous paragraph must be registered in the Registry that Article 8 of this regulation makes reference to, and must submit an registration application, accompanied by the documentation indicated in letters a), b), c), d), e), f), h), n), m), p), q) r), s), t) and u) of article 22 of this regulation, together with the following documentation demonstrating the implementation of the internal control system and its procedures:

- a) List of producers belonging to the applying organization, according to the form.
- b) Individual information form of the person(s) in charge of the control system and of working staff, completely filled out and signed by the legal representative of the applicant.
- c) Methods and records of the control activities that allow to establish the level of supervision for the members of the group.
- d) Manual for internal procedures, which at least includes:
 - d1.- A schematic of the group structure and identification of responsibilities.
 - d2.- The manner in which members are controlled.
 - d3.- The duties, rights and sanctions of the organization members.
 - d4.- Technical standards that will be used.

d5.- Criteria to exclude member from the group due to noncompliance with the technical standards or for other reasons.

d6.- Confidentiality policy.

d7.- Policies and procedures for decision making, risk assessment, frequency of visits and appointing inspectors.

- d8.- Identification of responsibilities and decision making processes.
- e) Diagram showing the flow of the market process for the products with their respective records and type of control in each phase.
- f) Certificate issued by the Internal Tax Service, stating the gross annual sales.

Article 31.- The organizations of ecological farmers must comply with the following obligations:

a) Grant the inspectors of the Service free access to its production units, processing units and marketing units;

b) Allow inspections, deliver information and meet the requirements determined by the Service, within the framework of performing its supervising and inspection functions;

c) Provide the Service, on June 30th of each year, with an annual report on its activities, which must, at least, include the following:

i.- Management Summary of the Organization, including at least the following aspects: Introduction; Executive overview of the year; structure, and organization changes.

ii.- Updated number of certified operators for the evaluated period.

iii.- Inspection program for operators.

iv.- Conclusions on the management period;

d) Adopt the appropriate measures when the Service communicates the result of a sanction process that affects one of its operators.

e) Adapt its procedures to follow the guidelines of the Service.

f) Update the information on its operations in the computer system for organic agriculture or in any other medium the Service determines for this purpose.

Paragraph 6.- Registry for certification standards

Article 32.- The Service will have a Register of Standards, composed of the current technical regulation and the international standards that have an equivalence agreement or recognition.

Paragraph 7.- The use of the official seal

Article 33.- The term organic, biological, ecological or its equivalents indicated in article 5 of this regulation, and the Official Seal, may only be used to label forestry and agricultural products that meet this appropriately certified condition, this includes processed end products which have been processed, handled and marketed in accordance with the specifications established in the current official technical regulations and the corresponding complementary regulations.

Article 34.- The Official Seal must be legible and indelible and its graphic features shall be determined through a resolution of the Service.

Article 35.- For processed end products, the Official Seal must be used for labeling.

Article 36.- The use and management of the Official Seal may be entrusted to the duly registered certifying instances. For these purposes, the Service may authorize the instances to use the official seal, and they will be responsible for its use and management.

The Official Seal must be on the certificate of organic products. Said certificate must also contain, moreover, the registration code from the certification instance's register and the annually assigned number of the certified organic production, which is given by the certifying instance, to the production that needs to be certified.

The certifying instances must annually, between January 2 and 10 of each year, renew the authorization to use and manage the official seal, paying the corresponding fee and reporting on the number of certificates issued with the respective official seal.

HEADING III Import

Article 37.- Imported organic products may be marketed when coming from a country whose competent authority certifies that these have been obtained by an organic production method equivalent to the one established in the present regulation and to the official technical regulations in force.

Article 38.- Regarding imported products, the Service may recognize the certification carried out in accordance with national certification systems for organic products from third countries, provided that the importer of said products accredits the following to the Service:

- a) That the organic production system is valid and meets the technical and administrative requirements established in the legislation of the country of origin, and
- b) That the certification of the imported product is recognized by the competent authority of the country of origin and is accompanied by a certificate of transaction. The format of this document will be determined by the Service.

Article 39.- The Service may request all the necessary information to collect the documentation specified in the previous article. In addition, experts may be requested to produce the necessary reports on the production standards and applied control measures in the country of origin of the product.

For the Service's inspection, the importer must grant the Service access to its facilities and records, particularly, to transaction certificates, in accordance with Decree No. 02 of 2016, of the Ministry of Agriculture or its amendments, to phytosanitary certificates and to registers for product inventory and sales.

Article 40.- Products imported for end consumption may use the official seal in accordance with the technical provisions established by the Service, provided that they come from a country that has a current agreement of recognition or equivalence with Chile, approved by the Chilean State.

Article 41.- The imported organic products must be labeled in accordance with current national legislation.

Article 42.- For organic products imported in bulk and/or those used as raw materials to produce organic products, certification by one of the certifying instances registered in the Service is required, these must verify compliance with the national regulations. Furthermore, if the imported products do not comply with the provisions of article 38 of this Regulation, the importer must be certified by a certification body registered with the Service.

HEADING IV Sanctions

Article 43.- The Service will be the competent authority to sanction the infractions indicated in articles 9 and 10 of the Act, in accordance with the procedure contained in Paragraph IV of Heading I of Act No. 18755.

PROVISIONAL ARTICLES

Article one.- The present regulation will come into force 180 days after the date of its publication in the Official Journal.

Article two.- For the purposes of letter g) of article 21 of the present regulation, the inspectors, authorized when this regulation comes into force, must participate in the respective test and pass within a period not exceeding 12 months, counted from the day this Regulation comes into force. Once the aforementioned period has expired, the inspectors who did not participate in the test or did not pass, will not be able to continue working as inspectors.

2.- Derogate Decree No. 36 of 2006 of the Ministry of Agriculture

LET THIS BE WRITTEN DOWN, COMMUNICATED AND PUBLISHED.-

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