

Weekly Market Report

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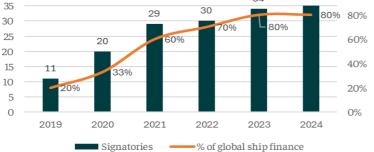
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Half a decade has passed since the introduction of Poseidon Principles to the ship financing sector, a set of guidelines aimed at advancing the financing of environmentally sustainable ships and reduce carbon emissions of the Shipping Industry. Launched in 2019 with the participation of 11 banks from five countries, this initiative has seen significant growth. Today, 35 banks from 14 countries have signed on, representing nearly 80% of the global ship financing portfolio—approximately \$240 billion. Signatories include leading financial institutions such as BNP Paribas, Credit Agricole, DNB, and Nordea Bank.



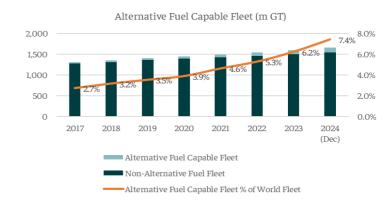
Poseidon Principles Signatories: 2019-2024

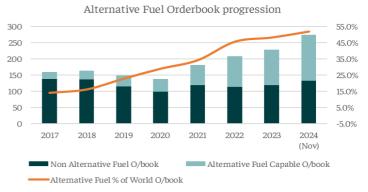


While the financing of greener ships is progressing, several challenges persist. These include difficulties for the owners to secure debt for retrofitting existing vessels, a reluctance of some financial institutions to finance dual-fuel vessels, and concerns from shipowners regarding the higher costs and limited availability of cleaner fuels.

Despite these challenges the green transition of the shipping industry is progressing, evidenced by a rising number of eco-friendly vessels entering service. However, a counterfeiting factor to this trend is the subdued demolition activity observed in recent years. Following a robust recycling activity in 2020-2021, since then the scrapping volumes are steadily declining, falling in the last 3 years well below average figures. Consequently, the fleet's average age has increased, suggesting the need for fleet's modernization so that the older units to be replaced with modern, more ecofriendly vessels. Nevertheless, the implementation of stricter greenhouse gas emission regulations is expected to support an increase in recycling activity, as older units may need to be recycled earlier than their typical lifecycle.

Focusing to the the dual-fuel fleet, it currently counts 2,119 vessels with a combined capacity of 123 million gt, representing 7.4% of the global fleet by gross tonnage. This marks a significant increase from the 3.2% www.intermodal.gr





recorded in 2018, prior to the introduction of the Poseidon Principles. Notably, 84% of this alternative fuel tonnage is LNG dual-fuel, consisting of 1,248 units with a total capacity of 102.93 million gt. Moreover, the share of dual fuel vessels in the global orderbook is steadily rising, climbing to 52%, from just 16% in 2018. The current dual-fuel orderbook totals 1,821 units with a combined capacity of 143 million gt; among these are 1,042 LNG dual-fuel vessels accounting for 103.74 million gt. Concluding, the implementation of the Poseidon Principles is to the global ship financing portfolio progressing, reflecting a commitment to sustainable ship financing despite several challenges that need to be addressed. While the green transition in the shipping industry is gaining momentum, as evidenced by a growing share of environmentally friendly vessels within the fleet and orderbook, the declined recycling activity of the last years hinders fleet modernization. The pace of fleet demolition will be a critical factor to monitor in the coming year, as a potential rise in scrapping volumes could facilitate modernization and support further the green transition.

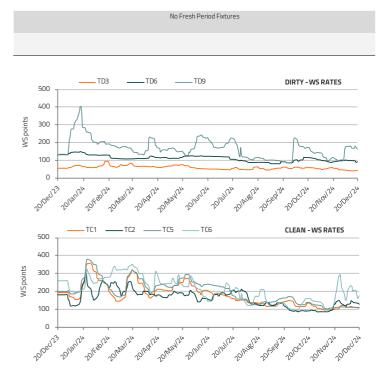


20/12/24 39,466 42 21.632 40 19.704 9.8% 20.330 48 27 843 46 26 111 6.6% 38 773 19 980 90 40.699 92 43.187 -5.8% 62.964 51.634 80 27.902 88 32.153 -13.2% 25.082 11.031 92 28.754 97 32,711 -12.1% 62.964 51.634 132 44,757 28,150 136 29,408 -4.3% 27.224 45,834 49,909 159 144 38.509 19.0% 46.679 162 36,535 168 38,620 -5.4% 46,364 43,030 105 18,575 110 20,267 -8.3% 32,625 35,326 110 11.900 11.955 -0.5% 27.593 32.504 127 10.701 137 12,794 -16.4% 21,183 22,919 175 19.799 204 27.905 32,775 45.941 11,748 19,982 120 11,828 27,274 120 11,841 11,968 27,060 21,231 120 -1.1% 183 21,847 183 21,846 0.0% 46,194 40,364

TC Rates

\$/	day	20/12/24	13/12/24	±%	Diff	2023	2022
VLCC	300k 1yr TC	41,000	44,000	-6.8%	-3000	48,601	34,683
VECC	300k 3yr TC	43,500	43,500	0.0%	0	42,291	33,719
Suezmax	150k 1yr TC	34,000	36,000	-5.6%	-2000	46,154	26,933
Juezillax	150k 3yr TC	32,750	35,000	-6.4%	-2250	35,469	23,758
Aframax	110k 1yr TC	32,750	35,000	-6.4%	-2250	47,226	26,135
Allalliax	110k 3yr TC	31,000	34,500	-10.1%	-3500	37,455	22,878
Panamax	75k 1yr TC	22,000	24,250	-9.3%	-2250	37,769	25,163
Fallalliax	75k 3yr TC	21,500	21,500	0.0%	0	29,748	20,806
MR	52k 1yr TC	22,500	22,500	0.0%	0	30,452	21,313
IVIE	52k 3yr TC	21,500	21,500	0.0%	0	25,152	16,426
Handy		21,000	21,000	0.0%	0	25,760	18,601
Handy	36k 3yr TC	19,500	19,500	0.0%	0	18,200	14,585

Indicative Period Charters



Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Tankers

1	Vessel 5	Vessel 5yrs old		Nov-24	±%	2023	2022	2021
				avg				
	VLCC	300KT DH	114.3	115.0	-0.6%	99.5	80.2	69.7
	Suezmax	150KT DH	77.3	77.3	0.0%	71.5	55.1	46.7
	Aframax	110KT DH	67.3	69.4	-3.0%	64.4	50.5	38.7
	LR1	75KT DH	53.7	56.6	-5.2%	49.2	38.6	31.2
		52KT DH	42.7	46.4	-8.0%	41.4	34.8	27.6

Chartering

The crude carrier market has underperformed expectations during the final month of the year. In the VLCC segment, the market appears to have reached a trough, and a positive shift may be on the horizon, particularly with the approach of the Chinese New Year holidays, which could bolster sentiment in the preceding days. Last week, an increase in activity was observed in both the Middle East Gulf (MEG) and West Africa regions. In the Suezmax segment, the market remained subdued due to an oversupply of vessels, which exerted downward pressure on rates in both the U.S. Gulf and West Africa regions. Meanwhile, the Aframax segment experienced an upward movement in rates, driven by a tighter vessel position list in the Mediterranean and a more favorable outlook for the Cross-UK Continent route.

VLCC T/C earnings averaged \$24,594/day, down -6.89% w-o-w, and closed off the week at the \$24,861/day mark.

Suezmax T/C earnings averaged \$ 29,340/day, down - 10.98% w -o-w.

On the Aframax front, T/C earnings averaged \$36,017/day, up +0.98% w-o-w .



Baltic Indices

	20/	12/24	13/	12/24	Point	\$/day	2023	2022
	Index	\$/day	Index	\$/day	Diff	±%	Index	Index
BDI	990		1,051		-61		1,395	1,931
BCI	1,115	\$9,244	1,263	\$10,474	-148	-11.7%	2,007	1,955
ВРІ	976	\$8,782	995	\$8,955	-19	-1.9%	1,442	2,298
BSI	940	\$9,842	959	\$10,083	-19	-2.4%	1,031	2,006
BHSI	579	\$10,427	618	\$11,133	-39	-6.3%	586	1,181

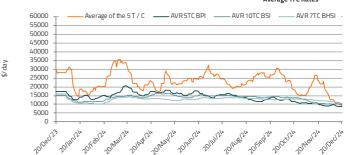
TC Rates

	\$/day	20/12/24	13/12/24	±%	Diff	2023	2022
Capesize	180K 1yr TC	20,000	20,000	0.0%	0	17,957	21,394
Саре	180K 3yr TC	18,500	19,000	-2.6%	-500	16,697	18,894
Panamax	76K 1yr TC	11,000	10,500	4.8%	500	13,563	20,207
Pana	76K 3yr TC	10,250	10,750	-4.7%	-500	11,827	14,885
Supramax	58K 1yr TC	13,000	14,000	-7.1%	-1,000	13,457	20,053
Sup	58K 3yr TC	13,000	13,000	0.0%	0	11,981	15,005
ysize	32K 1yr TC	10,500	10,500	0.0%	0	10,644	17,827
Handysize	32K 3yr TC	10,000	10,000	0.0%	0	9,510	12,322

Indicative Period Charters

till min Oct 20, 2025/max Dec 20, 2025	SANTA BARBARA	2015	179,426 dwt
dely Dalian 25 Dec/5 redel worldwide	\$22,000/day		MOSK
14/15 months	MYRTO	2013	82,131 dwt
Kobe 22/31 Dec redel worldwide	\$12,000/day		NYK





Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Bulk Carriers

Ves	Vessel 5 yrs old		Dec-24 avg	Nov-24 avg	±%	2023	2022	2021
Capes	size Eco	180k	62.0	63.0	-1.6%	48.8	48.3	43.1
Kam	sarmax	82K	34.2	34.9	-2.1%	32.0	34.1	29.8
Ulti	ramax	63k	32.7	34.1	-4.2%	29.5	31.5	26.4
Han	dysize	37K	27.0	27.0	0.0%	25.1	27.2	21.4

Chartering

At the close of the year, the Baltic Dry Index fell below the 1,000-point threshold for the first time in 2024. Capesize rates continued to decline gradually for another week, despite increased January shipments for iron ore from the East Coast South America and bauxite from West Africa. On the contrary, the oversupply in the Pacific absorbed any new inquiries. Similarly, Panamax owners faced challenges as rising demand in the Atlantic, driven by an increase in grain and mineral cargoes, was countered by a surplus of open vessels in the Pacific, driving the P5TC rate further down to \$8,782 per day. For geared sizes, grain activity presented some opportunities, though overall market sentiment remained muted. In particular, the Asian market experienced downward pressure on rates due to a mismatch between available cargoes and the abundance of vessels.

Cape 5TC averaged \$ 10,082/day, down -12.23% w-o-w. The transatlantic earnings decreased by \$ 3,036/day while transpacific declined by \$2,391/ day, bringing transatlantic earnings premium over transpacific to \$3,153/day.

Panamax 5TC averaged \$ 8,700/day, down -7.48% w-o-w. The transatlantic earnings rose by \$ 935/day while transpacific earnings decreased by \$1,304/day. As a result, the transatlantic earnings premium to the transpacific widened to \$4,345/day.

Supramax 10TC averaged \$ 9,935/day down -2.11% w-o-w, while the Handysize 7TC averaged \$ 10,681/day, down -5.65% w -o-w.



Tankers

Size	Name	Dwt	Built	Yard	M/E	SS due	Hull	Price	Buyers	Comments
SMALL	DH HONESTY	13,148	2021	NANTONG,China	WinGD	Mar-26	DH	\$ 25.6m	undisclosed	StSt, via Chinese bidding platform
SMALL	DAI THANH	13,068	2007	21ST CENTURY, S. Korea	MAN-B&W	Apr-27	DH	\$ 9.5m	undisclosed	
SMALL	CUMBRIAN FISHER	12,921	2004	SAMHO, S. Korea	B&W	Dec-24	DH	\$ 7,15m	undisclosed	

Bulk Carriers

Size	Name	Dwt	Built	Yard	M/E	SS due	Gear	Price	Buyers	Comments
NEWCASTLEMAX	PANORAMIX	203,512	2007	CSBC, Taiwan	MAN-B&W	Jan-27		\$ 28.0m	Chinese	old sale/delivered
KMAX	RU MENG LING	81,487	2010	UNIVERSAL, Japan	MAN-B&W	Apr-25		mid \$ 15.0m	Greek	
KMAX	BETTYS DREAM	82,641	2008	TSUNEISHI, Japan	MAN-B&W	Dec-25		\$ 12.8m	Chinese	
SUPRA	QING DAO GANG DA GANG	56,444	2012	QINGSHAN, China	MAN-B&W	Jun-27	4 X 30t CRANES	about \$ 12,.2m	via Chinese bidding platform (RMB 94,34mil)	

Intermodal ⊡

This week witnessed significant activity, especially in the dry and containership sectors. In total 28 new buildings were contracted, mostly by Chinese groups. In the dry front, Chinese owner COSCO placed an order for three 210k dwt bulk carriers, with an option of five additional vessels from COSCO Yangzhou, priced at \$93m each, Tier III compliant and delivery for 2027-2028. Everbright Leasing secured ten units of 82k dwt each at Jiangsu New Hantong, China, due for delivery in 2027-2028.

Moving to the container sector, the Swiss based MSC placed an order for ten LNG dual fuel units of 24,000 teu each at Hengli HI,

China scheduled for delivery in 2028-2030. Finally, the Chinese Shandong Shipping agreed with Jiangsu Jiuzhou shipyard for the construction of one LNG dual fuel vessel of 1,360 teu, with expected delivery in 2026.

In other segments, the Dutch Longship group ordered two 3,700 dwt general cargo vessels at the Dutch shipyard GS Projects and COSCO contracted 2 VLGCs at \$120m each with COSCO Qindong China with estimated delivery in 2027.

Indicative Newbuilding Prices (\$ Million)

	Vessel		20-Dec-24	13-Dec-24	±%	Υ	ΓD	5-у	ear		Average	2022 2021 666 59 63 56 36 33 34 30 30 27 118 98	
						High	Low	High	Low	2023	2022	2021	
	Newcastlemax	205k	80.0	80.0	0.0%	80.0	70.0	80.0	49.5	66	66	59	
SILS	Capesize	180k	76.0	76.0	0.0%	76.5	67.5	76.5	48.5	63	63	56	
Bulke	Kamsarmax	82k	37.50	37.25	0.7%	37.5	35.5	37.5	27.5	35	36	33	
B	Ultramax	63k	34.5	34.5	0.0%	35.0	33.0	35.5	25.5	33	34	30	
	Handysize	38k	30.5	30.5	0.0%	30.5	30.0	31.0	23.5	30	30	27	
r.	VLCC	300k	129.0	129.0	0.0%	129.0	128.0	130.5	84.5	124	118	98	
	Suezmax	160k	90.0	90.0	0.0%	90.0	85.0	90.0	55.0	82	79	66	
Tanke	Aframax	115k	77.5	77.5	0.0%	77.5	73.0	77.5	46.0	69	62	53	
	MR	50k	51.5	51.5	0.0%	51.5	48.0	51.5	34.0	46	43	38	
	LNG 174k cbm		260.0	260.0	0.0%	263.0	260.0	265.0	180.0	259	232	195	
Gas	MGC LPG 55k cbm		94.0	94.0	0.0%	94.0	91.5	94.0	62.0	85	74	67	
	SGC LPG 25k cbm		62.0	62.0	0.0%	62.0	58.0	62.0	40.0	56	51	45	

Newbuilding Orders

Units	Туре	Size		Yard	Delivery	Buyer	Price	Comments
3+5	Bulker	210,000	dwt	COSCO Yangzhou, China	2027-2028	Chinese (COSCO)	\$ 93.0m	Methanol dual fuelled, ammonia ready, Tier III
10	Bulker	82,000	dwt	Jiangsu New Hantong, China	2027-2028	Chinese (Everbright Leasing)	undisclosed	
10	Container	24,000	teu	Hengli HI Dalian, China	2028-2030	Swiss based (MSC)	undisclosed	LNG dual-fuel
1	Container	1,360	teu	Jiangsu Jiuzhou, China	2026	Chinese (Shandong Shipping)	undisclosed	LNG dual-fuel
2	General Cargo	3,700	dwt	GS Projects, Netherlands	2025	Dutch (Longship Group)	undisclosed	eco vessels
2	VLGC	87,000	cbm	COSCO Qidong, China	2027	Chinese (COSCO)	\$ 120.0m	



As we approach the end of 2024, the recycling markets have shown limited sales and activity up to date. This trend can be attributed to several factors, including the good performance of shipping sectors over the year, volatility of local steel markets, fluctuating currency values and geopolitical dynamics. Last week, the Indian recycling market experienced subdued activity. Despite an increase in the supply of scrap tonnage, with several units offered, activity remained weak. This was primarily driven by tepid demand for local steel plates, which in turn softened demand for scrap steel and lead ship recyclers to a more cautious approach. In view of the Hong Kong Convention coming to force in 2025, Alang recyclers are set to gain competitive advantage over their sub-continent neighbours, since all Alang shipyards are essentially HKC complied, allowing to handle demolition tonnage in an environmentally sustainable way. On the broader economic front, India's trade deficit surged to a record \$37.84 billion in November 2024, exerting additional pressure on the Indian Rupee against the US Dollar. Imports reached an all-time high, while exports fell to their lowest level since October 2022. In Bangladesh, the recycling sector showed no significant progress. Although there was availability of vessels for recycling, purchasing activity remained limited, due to financial constraints faced by many buyers, preventing them from

opening LCs. Additionally, sluggish domestic construction activity continued to weigh on the local steel market, with little hope for improvement as the year ends. Overall, market sentiment is cautious, with uncertainty about 2025 outlook. The Bangladeshi government has requested additional financial support from the IMF amid economic challenges, including low foreign exchange reserves, limited growth prospects, and political instability. The State Bank of Pakistan cut its key policy rate by 200 bp, reducing to 13%, amid inflation ease, reflecting the government's efforts to rejuvenate the local economy and improve business confidence. The steel market is stagnant with weak demand, and the recycling sector remains unchanged, with no signs of recovery. As the Hong Kong Convention is set to enter into force in June 2025, both Pakistan and Bangladesh ship recyclers should put efforts towards investments relative to upgrading facilities to meet HKC criteria. In Turkey the Lira continues its downwards trajectory against US Dollar, amid economic slowdown in 2024. For a second consecutive quarter, the GDP contracted in O3 2024 by 0.2%, matching the 0.2% reduction of O2. as high interest rates continue to weigh on the economy. The recycling sector remains at a standstill with the prices remaining same as the previous week.

Indicative Demolition Prices (\$/ldt)

	Markets	20/12/24	13/12/24	±%	Y1 High	TD Low	2023	2022	2021
	Bangladesh	465	465	0.0%	530	460	550	601	542
ker	India	460	465	-1.1%	540	460	540	593	519
Tanker	Pakistan	445	450	-1.1%	525	445	525	596	536
		340	340	0.0%	350	320	325	314	207
	Bangladesh	450	450	0.0%	520	450	535	590	532
BE	India	445	450	-1.1%	520	445	522	583	508
Dry	Pakistan	425	430	-1.2%	510	425	515	587	526
	Turkey	330	330	0.0%	350	310	315	304	276

Currencies

Markets	20-Dec-24	13-Dec-24	±%	YTD High
USD/BDT	116.44	117.45	-0.9%	117.51
USD/INR	83.80	83.74	0.1%	83.80
USD/PKR	275.99	278.21	-0.8%	282.38
USD/TRY	33.10	32.95	0.5%	33.12

Demolition Sales (\$ /ldt)

Name	Size	Ldt	Built	Yard	Туре	\$/Idt	Breakers	Comments
GUO YUAN 9	48,218	9,326	1994	DANYARD, Denmark	ВС	\$ 465.0m	Bangledeshi	



Market Data

		20-Dec-24	19-Dec-24	18-Dec-24	17-Dec-24	16-Dec-24	W-O-W Change %
	10year US Bond	4.524	4.570	4.498	4.385	4.399	2.8%
Stock Exchange Data	S&P 500	5,930.85	5,867.08	5,872.16	6,050.61	6,074.08	-2.0%
		21,289.15	21,110.51	21,209.32	22,001.08	22,096.66	-2.3%
	Dow Jones	42,840.26	42,342.24	42,326.87	43,449.90	43,717.48	-2.3%
	FTSE 100	8,084.61	8,105.32	8,199.11	8,195.20	8,262.05	-2.6%
	FTSE All-Share UK	4,421.11	4,428.91	4,478.99	4,475.55	4,515.16	-2.5%
	CAC40	7,274.48	7,294.37	7,384.62	7,365.70	7,357.08	-1.8%
	Xetra Dax	19,884.75	19,969.86	20,242.57	20,246.37	20,313.81	-2.6%
	Nikkei	38,701.90	38,813.58	39,081.71	39,364.68	39,457.49	-1.9%
	Hang Seng	19,720.70	19,752.51	19,864.55	19,700.48	19,795.49	-1.3%
	DJ US Maritime	341.84	349.16	346.73	363.64	373.32	-11.3%
Currencies	€/\$	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.05	1.05	-0.7%
	£/\$	1.26	1.25	1.26	1.27	1.27	-0.4%
	\$/¥	156.41	157.43	154.80	153.48	154.15	1.8%
	\$ / NoK	11.28	11.43	11.38	11.19	11.14	1.4%
ð		7.30	7.30	7.29	7.28	7.28	0.3%
		1,444.57	1,444.52	1,452.70	1,437.39	1,436.81	0.7%
	\$ INDEX	107.62	108.41	108.03	106.96	106.86	0.6%

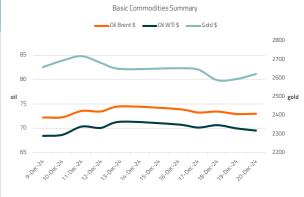
Bunker Prices

		20-Dec-24	13-Dec-24	Change %
MGO	Rotterdam	638.0	650.0	-1.8%
	Houston	670.0	677.0	-1.0%
	Singapore	667.0	674.0	-1.0%
380cst	Rotterdam	453.0	456.0	-0.7%
	Houston	452.0	471.0	-4.0%
	Singapore	460.0	460.0	0.0%
VLSFO	Rotterdam	505.0	511.0	-1.2%
	Houston	538.0	546.0	-1.5%
	Singapore	544.0	544.0	0.0%
TIO	Brent	72.9	74.5	-2.1%
	WTI	69.5	71.3	-2.6%

Maritime Stock Data

Company	Stock Exchange	Curr	20-Dec-24	13-Dec-24	W-0-W
					Change %
CAPITAL PRODUCT PARTNERS LP	NASDAQ	USD	18.49	18.60	-0.6%
COSTAMARE INC	NYSE	USD	12.39	12.95	-4.3%
DANAOS CORPORATION	NYSE	USD	76.40	79.21	-3.5%
DIANA SHIPPING	NYSE	USD	1.85	1.85	0.0%
EUROSEAS LTD.	NASDAQ	USD	34.22	35.71	-4.2%
GLOBUS MARITIME LIMITED	NASDAQ	USD	1.14	1.21	-5.5%
SAFE BULKERS INC	NYSE	USD	3.51	3.68	-4.6%
SEANERGY MARITIME HOLDINGS	NASDAQ	USD	6.95	7.31	-4.9%
STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP	NASDAQ	USD	14.80	15.15	-2.3%
STEALTHGAS INC	NASDAQ	USD	4.88	5.09	-4.1%
TSAKOS ENERGY NAVIGATION	NYSE	USD	16.14	17.97	-10.2%

Basic Commodities Weekly Summary



Macro-economic headlines

- In China, the People's Bank of China, kept the Loan Prime Rate steady at 3.1% for the third consecutive month in December, aligning with market expectations.
- In EU, a Trade Surplus of €6.8 billion was recorded in October, falling short of market expectations (€11.7 billion) and below September's figure (€12.5 billion). Moreover, the November CPI rose by 2.2% y-o-y, below market projections of 2.3% and exceeding October's 2% increase.
- In US, the GDP in Q3 2024 grew by 3.1% on a quarterly basis, surpassing market forecasts of 2.8% and closely to Q2 growth rate (3%). The industrial production in November declined by 0.1%, contrary to estimations for a 0.3% rise and improved comparing to October's 0.3% decrease.
- In Japan, November's trade gap was ¥117.6 billion supported by robust exports, smaller than market forecasts of a ¥688.9 billion deficit and an improvement from October's ¥461.2 billion deficit.



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