



# UPDATED CIRCULAR ON SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES REQUIRED FOR ATTRACTIONS IN PHASE 3 (HEIGHTENED ALERT)

# **Key Updates:**

- 1. With effect from 12 July 2021, attractions that have been approved to operate by MTI are permitted to:
  - a. Allow dine-in at F&B outlets for visitors in group sizes of no more than 5 pax.
  - b. Allow group sizes of no more than 5 pax to participate in indoor high-intensity activities where a mask need not be worn. The maximum group size remains at 5 pax for indoor activities where masks are worn and all outdoor activities.
- 2. With effect from 15 July 2021, Free-and-Easy Testing (FET) not less than once every 14 days is mandatory for all employees working at dine-in F&B outlets<sup>1</sup>.
- 1. Following the two stages of gradual reopening to Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) on 14 June and 21 June 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on <u>7 July 2021</u> that it will continue to calibrate the resumption of more economic and community activities.
- 2. From 12 July 2021, the measures applicable to attractions include:
  - a. Dine-in at F&B outlets is allowed for visitors in group sizes of no more than 5 pax.
  - b. Group sizes of no more than 5 pax are allowed to participate in indoor highintensity activities where a mask need not be worn. The maximum group size remains at 5 pax for indoor activities where masks are worn and all outdoor activities
- 3. From 15 July 2021, FET not less than once every 14 days is mandatory for all employees working at dine-in F&B outlets.
- 4. As Singapore's vaccination coverage continues to increase, we will introduce differentiated safe management measures (SMMs) for vaccinated persons, such as increasing their group sizes for social gatherings and events. These measures may be introduced around end-July 2021, if the situation remains stable and when at least half the population has completed the full vaccination regime.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This covers all full time and part time employees, as well as third party contracted staff (e.g. cleaners). For more information, please refer to this link: <a href="www.sfa.gov.sg/covid-19/mandatory-fast-and-easy-testing-(fet)-regime-for-all-outlet-employees-at-dine-in-f-b-establishments">www.sfa.gov.sg/covid-19/mandatory-fast-and-easy-testing-(fet)-regime-for-all-outlet-employees-at-dine-in-f-b-establishments</a>





5. The information in this circular (which includes its annexes) supersedes that in previous advisories or statements.

#### SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL

- 6. Attractions² tend to be higher-risk premises as they typically involve large numbers of people interacting with one another, often in enclosed spaces, and over prolonged periods. Prior to re-opening or an increase in capacity, attractions must submit their proposals to the Singapore Tourism Board ("STB") for assessment. Attractions may resume operations only after receiving approval from MTI. Additionally, attractions that would like to increase operating capacity and/or increase the number of zones for outdoor shows can only do so after obtaining approval from MTI. Attractions that have already received approval from MTI to operate at 50% prior to Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) do not need to reapply for approval to increase their capacity to 50%.
- 7. STB has provided guidance within this circular to help attractions develop their proposals and implement the necessary SMMs. The plans within these proposals will have to be tailored to the nature of operations in each attraction, and potential risk factors arising from aspects such as the attraction's physical premises, environment, scale and typical visitor behaviour.
- 8. Attractions must also show in their proposals how they will address specified key outcomes related to reducing potential transmission risks and supporting contact tracing. Risk factors for attractions to consider include proximity between visitors, propensity for crowds to form, level of activity and number of high-touch surfaces.
- 9. Each attraction's proposal must show how the attraction will achieve all the following outcomes:

#### **Outcomes**

#### A. Meet density requirements

- Limit Capacity: Open at no more than 50% of operating capacity<sup>3</sup>. Attractions must submit their plans to show how they are able to implement the SMMs effectively and consistently.
- Exceptions to the 50% cap can be made on a case-by-case basis by MTI if the attraction can demonstrate that the risk is inherently mitigated by the nature of activities and the way visitors and staff interact at the attraction.

## B. Meet separation requirements

- Implement at least 1m distancing between visitors (except between visitors from the same group) and between groups<sup>4</sup>
- Ensure that group size of visitors does not exceed 5 pax, and there is no intermingling between groups.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This circular applies to gated Attractions (including pop-up attractions) with tourism value, which are required to submit their reopening/ opening proposals to STB for approval. Please refer to the list of approved attractions by STB at <a href="https://www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/approved-attractions.html">www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/approved-attractions.html</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Attractions eligible for SingapoRediscovers Vouchers (SRV) redemption must manage the sales of their SRV products to keep within the attraction's approved capacity limit

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4 Where specific activities or zones within attractions are subject to physical distancing requirements of more than 1m e.g. sports-related activities, the stricter requirement will apply.





#### C. Disperse crowds and prevent bunching

### D. Facilitate contact tracing

- Mandatory implementation of TraceTogether-only SafeEntry (SE) and capability for visitors and staff to use TraceTogether mobile application or TraceTogether token for SE check-in to enter the attraction. IDs can only be used under extenuating circumstances<sup>5</sup>.
- Mandatory implementation of SafeEntry Gateway (SEGW) at all public-facing entrances<sup>6</sup>.
- E. Implement rigorous cleaning and disinfecting regimes, particularly for high touch elements
- 10. The proposals must also contain detailed plans addressing operational issues such as SMMs for visitors and workplaces, cleaning and sanitisation, contingency response (to handle unwell visitors, suspected/confirmed cases), and marketing and communications.
- 11. Please refer to the **Assessment Checklist: Requirements for Re-opening Proposal** in **Annex A** for the list of operational areas to be addressed and measures required for each area. While the majority of these requirements are drawn from the Control Orders<sup>7</sup> and are summarised for the convenience of attractions, the Control Orders will prevail in case of any inconsistency. Attractions' proposals to resume operations or to increase their operating capacities must adhere to the Control Orders in order to be considered for reopening or an increase in capacity.
- 12. Attractions should submit their proposals to STB\_Attractions@stb.gov.sg. STB and MTI will take up to 14 working days to assess each proposal.
- 13. Attractions must be subjected to an inspection scheduled and conducted by STB as part of the assessment process.

#### **ENFORCEMENT OF MEASURES**

14. Government agencies will step up enforcement to ensure that businesses comply with the required SMMs. Under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act passed in Parliament on 7 April 2020, first-time offenders will face a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment of up to six months, or both. Repeat offenders will face a fine of up to \$20,000, imprisonment of up to twelve months, or both. Businesses that are not compliant may be ordered to cease business activities or close altogether. Under the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021, businesses that fail to comply with requirements thereunder will face a fine not exceeding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For more information, please refer to the FAQ found on www.safeentry.gov.sg

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The SafeEntry Gateway should only be deployed at public-facing entrances (i.e. for customers and visitors) and not at non-public facing entrances (e.g. staff entrances, loading/unloading bays).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> In this paragraph, "Control Order" means the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 and, where applicable, the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Major Business Events — Control Order) Regulations 2021, the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020, and the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021.





\$10,000 and participants that fail to comply will face a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both. Businesses that are not compliant may also be ineligible for government grants, loans, tax rebates and other assistance.

15. Attractions are required to adhere to the SMMs outlined in their submitted proposals on an ongoing basis during operations. For any enquiries, please contact STB\_Attractions@stb.gov.sg.

Annex A – Assessment Checklist: Requirements for Attractions Re-opening Proposal

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# **ANNEX A**

# ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST: REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTRACTIONS RE-OPENING PROPOSAL

# A. Preparing Facilities

Operational Area	Requirement
Attraction Set Up	<ol> <li>Develop and implement detailed physical layout plans, including reconfiguration of spaces if applicable, at entry and exit points to achieve safe circulation with at least 1m distancing between visitors who are not from the same group, ensuring groups do not have more than 5 pax, and with at least 1m separation between groups throughout the attraction</li> <li>Clearly mark out queue lines with at least 1m safe distancing where queues are likely to form, including at F&amp;B and retail outlets</li> <li>Develop and implement signs reminding visitors to practice safe distancing and all other SMMs applicable to visitors (e.g. mask wearing, stay in groups of not more than 5 pax).</li> <li>Close off components/ areas within the attraction where SMMs cannot be implemented</li> <li>Implement contactless payment for all payment functions within the attraction (e.g. ticketing, F&amp;B and retail outlets).</li> <li>Install hygiene screens at human touch points (e.g. glass or plastic dividers/barriers at ticketing booths separating the ticket staff from visitors), if reasonably practicable</li> <li>Set up one-way traffic flow for visitors to enter and exit the attraction, if reasonably practicable</li> <li>Rides, Shows and Tours (where applicable)</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>1. Develop and implement detailed plans for attendance management, crowd control and cleaning frequency for rides and shows: <ul> <li>Seating plan for rides and all seating within the attraction that are not within shows or live performances. Where seating is provided that is not fixed to the floor, ensure seats are spaced at least 1m apart. Where seating is provided that is fixed to the floor, demarcate alternate seats or seating spaces that should not be occupied unless the visitor is from the same group as those in the adjacent seats).</li> <li>Seating plan for shows and live performances. Ensure groups are seated at least 1m apart</li> <li>Entry queue management system with markers placed at least 1m apart throughout the attraction.</li> <li>Cleaning protocols for rides and show equipment and surfaces</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





#### 2. For indoor shows:

- Adhere to IMDA's prevailing advisory for Cinemas<sup>8</sup> for indoor screenings
- The maximum capacity for indoor shows is up to 50 visitors without PET or up to 250 visitors with PET, subject to the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place.
   Ensure at least 1m safe distancing between groups.
- From 12 July 2021, where F&B is permitted to be consumed during the shows, the maximum group size of visitors within each such show will increase from 2 pax to 5 pax.

# 3. For outdoor shows (e.g. animal shows):

- The maximum capacity for outdoor shows is 50 visitors per zone, up to a maximum of 5 zones without PET, or the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place, whichever is lower. Ensure at least 1m safe distancing between groups.
- There must be at least 3m separation between the stage/performers and audience
- Zones must be clearly demarcated and there must be a separation of at least 3m between zones, demarcated by continuous physical barriers (e.g. different levels, partitions, barrier ropes or tapes). Ensure no mingling between zones
- Implement SafeEntry check-in for each zone at the show and ensure that the TraceTogether mobile application and TraceTogether Token can be used for SafeEntry check-in

#### 4. For live performances:

 Adhere to NAC's prevailing advisory for Live Performances<sup>9</sup>, and any additional requirements imposed by MTI.

#### 5. For tours:

- Adhere to STB's prevailing circular for Tours<sup>10</sup> where relevant, and any additional requirements imposed by MTI.
- The maximum number of participants for a tour without conveyance remains at 20, with groups of no more than 5 pax within each of such tour, where there is no F&B component within the tour. The maximum number of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Refer to the latest advisory for cinemas from IMDA at <a href="www.imda.gov.sg/news-and-events/Media-Room/Media-Releases/2020/Advisories-on-COVID-19-Situation">www.imda.gov.sg/news-and-events/Media-Room/Media-Releases/2020/Advisories-on-COVID-19-Situation</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Refer to the latest advisory for live performances from NAC at <a href="www.nac.gov.sg/whatwedo/support/sustaining-the-arts-during-covid-19/Arts-and-Culture-Sector-Advisories.html#ResumptionofLivePerformances">www.nac.gov.sg/whatwedo/support/sustaining-the-arts-during-covid-19/Arts-and-Culture-Sector-Advisories.html#ResumptionofLivePerformances</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Refer to the latest circular for tours from STB at <a href="www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/advisory-for-tours.html">www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/advisory-for-tours.html</a>





participants for a tour with conveyance can be increased to 50, with groups of no more than 5 pax within each tour.

#### Business Events (where applicable)<sup>11</sup>

- 1. From 22 October 2020, some business and work-related events have been allowed to resume at workplace premises and third-party venues.
- 2. For work-related events not exceeding 50 participants<sup>12</sup>:
  - Such events organised by attractions operators are allowed to resume within the attractions' workplace premises
  - Attractions can be hired as a function centre for the purpose of the event and attractions can accept corporate bookings from external parties for such work-related events.
  - Attraction Operators are to ensure the event has a maximum capacity of 50 pax or the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place, whichever is lower
  - Ensure at least 1m spacing between individuals at all times
  - Meals should not be the main feature of the event. Avoid holding events over mealtimes as far as possible. Food or drinks should only be served if incidental to the event. In addition, the food must be served in individual portions, and participants must be seated while consuming. Participants should minimise the time they are unmasked while eating and drinking.
  - Business/work-related events exceeding 50 participants will not be allowed in attractions.
- 3. For consumer-facing events<sup>13</sup>:
  - Such events organised by attractions within its premises are subject to SMMs for attractions
  - Attractions can accept event bookings from external parties. The maximum capacity for such events by external parties is capped at 50 pax or the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place, whichever is lower.
  - Ensure at least 1m spacing between individuals or groups of not more than 5 pax at all times
  - Meals should not be the main feature of the event. Avoid holding events over mealtimes as far as possible. Food or drinks should only be served if incidental to the event. In addition, the food must be served in individual portions, and participants must be seated while consuming.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Refer to STB's compilation of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on permissible events at <a href="https://www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/faq-on-covid-19.html#BusinessEvents">www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/faq-on-covid-19.html#BusinessEvents</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Defined as business-oriented events within workplace premises which primarily involve employees or stakeholders (e.g. conferences, seminars, corporate retreats, staff training sessions, Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Examples include product launches, marketing & branding events, roadshows, fairs, consumer activations, and exhibitions.





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Operating Capacity	<ol> <li>Operate at no more than 50% of total capacity at any one time, unless otherwise approved by MTI, and show how the maximum capacity of attraction is derived</li> <li>Implement solutions to monitor, control and enforce the operating capacity (e.g. manual counting, automated people counting or tracking systems)</li> </ol>
Management of Proximity and Touched Surfaces	<ol> <li>Ensure that physical interaction between visitors and staff (including volunteers) is minimised where reasonably practicable</li> <li>Eliminate or else minimise sharing of equipment and tools</li> <li>Provide easily accessible and free-to-use disinfecting agents like hand sanitisers, disinfecting sprays and wipes at high-touch areas</li> </ol>

# **B.** Managing Arrival

Operational Area	Requirement
Health Checks and Contact Tracing	<ol> <li>Implement screening at points of entry to determine whether each visitor is febrile (i.e. temperature of 37.5 degrees and above) or appears to be coughing, sneezing, breathless, or has a runny nose</li> <li>Implement TraceTogether-only SafeEntry (SE) and capability for visitors and all personnel (including staff and contractors) to use TraceTogether mobile application or TraceTogether token for SE check-in to enter the attraction. IDs can only be used under extenuating circumstances<sup>14</sup>.</li> <li>Implement SEGW at all public-facing entrances<sup>15</sup>.</li> </ol>
Managing Entry	<ol> <li>Develop and implement detailed plan to manage entry and exit (e.g. timed entry or pre-booking of sessions). On-site or walk-in ticketing is not allowed for first 2 weeks from the date that the attraction first resumes operations</li> <li>Ensure all staff wear masks and any other necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times, except during activities which require masks to be removed</li> <li>Ensure that group size of visitors entering together must not exceed 5 pax.</li> <li>Ensure, where reasonably practical, that all visitors wear masks for the duration of their visit</li> </ol>

## C. In-Attraction Plans

For more information, please refer to the FAQs found on <a href="www.safeentry.gov.sg">www.safeentry.gov.sg</a>.
 The SafeEntry Gateway should only be deployed at public-facing entrances (i.e. for customers and visitors) and not at non-public facing entrances (e.g. staff entrances, loading/unloading bays).





Operational Area	Requirement
Managing Crowds	<ol> <li>Take reasonable steps to ensure that there is a distance of at least 1m between individuals not from the same group of 5 pax (whether visitors or staff)</li> <li>Identify hotspots for potential bunching and implement a control mechanism to prevent/disperse crowds (e.g. frequent reminders over public announcement system, staff to manually disperse crowds, provide visual markers for safe distancing)</li> <li>Implement one-way traffic flow, if reasonably practicable</li> <li>Demonstrate that set-up and operations protocol for F&amp;B and retail outlets adhere to prevailing SMM advisories by ESG<sup>16</sup> and implement them. Dine-in at F&amp;B outlets may resume with a maximum group size of 5 pax from 12 July 2021.</li> </ol>

#### **D. Infection Control**

Operational Area	Requirement
Cleaning and Sanitisation	<ol> <li>Adhere to the sanitisation and hygiene advisories disseminated by the National Environmental Agency (NEA)<sup>17</sup> and SG Clean sanitisation and hygiene measures</li> <li>Adhere to the guidance note from NEA on improving ventilation and indoor air quality in buildings<sup>18</sup></li> <li>Develop and implement a detailed cleaning/disinfecting plan and schedule, with increased cleaning frequencies for common areas (e.g. toilets) and high touch surfaces (e.g. lift buttons, interactive kiosks and turnstiles)</li> <li>Demonstrate how all equipment (e.g. audio guides, VR headsets, harnesses, seats in rides/ shows) used by multiple visitors is cleaned and disinfected after use and implement these</li> <li>Encourage staff and visitors to wash hands regularly</li> </ol>
Response Plan for Infected Cases	<ol> <li>Develop and implement detailed procedures on handling visitors that are febrile, or appear to be coughing, sneezing, breathless or having a runny nose.</li> <li>Identify and allocate holding area(s) to isolate such visitors where they are unable to immediately leave the attraction</li> <li>Develop and implement detailed procedures to handle uncompliant or uncooperative visitors (e.g. visitors without masks, visitors who walk-in without pre-booking, unwell visitors who insist on entry, visitors who refuse to comply with health checks and/or contact tracing), including refusal of entry</li> </ol>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Refer to the latest advisories for F&B and Retail establishments from Enterprise Singapore (ESG) at

www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/media-centre/media-releases?page=1

17 Refer to latest advisory from NEA at <a href="https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-">www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-</a>

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18 Refer to the guidance note from NEA at <a href="https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-cleaning-guidalines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-advisories/guidance-on-i covid-19-situation





5.	Develop and implement detailed procedures to handle confirmed COVID-19 cases within the attraction (e.g. close off affected sections/ areas, ensure thorough cleaning and disinfection before re-opening, coordinate communications with relevant authorities, alert public)  Ensure staff are familiar with the procedures and appropriately equipped with PPE to wear to handle unwell and/or uncooperative visitors and require the staff to wear PPE
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## E. Safe Workplace

Operational Area	Requirement
Workplace and Manpower	<ol> <li>Comply with MOM's prevailing requirements for SMMs at workplaces<sup>19</sup>, including but not limited to:         <ul> <li>Implement a detailed monitoring plan and appoint a Safe Management Officer (SMO) to assist with implementation and compliance of all SMMs at workplace and attraction premises</li> <li>Indicate number of employees and contractors on site, and their job functions</li> <li>Implement safe distancing (e.g. reconfiguration of workspaces), reduce physical interactions (e.g. staggered work and lunch hours) and touch points (e.g. common laptop/iPad); and business continuity plan (e.g. team A/B arrangement if practicable).</li> <li>Provide masks and any other appropriate PPE to all staff.</li> <li>Ensure staff are kept updated on the latest measures and SOPs.</li> <li>Social gatherings at workplace can resume based on the prevailing permissible group sizes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ensure that staff check-in to their workplaces using SafeEntry.</li> <li>Implement TT-only SE for staff.</li> <li>From 15 July 2021, FET not less than once every 14 days will be mandatory for all employees working at dine-in F&amp;B outlets<sup>20</sup>.</li> </ol>

# F. Marketing and Communications

Operational Area	Requirement
Marketing and Communications	<ol> <li>Develop and implement a communications plan to engage visitors on reopening</li> <li>Plans should clearly communicate and explain precautions that attraction has put in place, new measures that visitors</li> </ol>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Refer to MOM's complete and latest list at <a href="https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures">www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> This covers all full time and part time employees, as well as third party contracted staff (e.g. cleaners). For more information, please refer to this link: <a href="https://www.sfa.gov.sg/covid-19/mandatory-fast-and-easy-testing-(fet)-regime-for-all-outlet-employees-at-dine-in-f-b-establishments">https://www.sfa.gov.sg/covid-19/mandatory-fast-and-easy-testing-(fet)-regime-for-all-outlet-employees-at-dine-in-f-b-establishments</a>





- are to comply with (e.g. pre-booking of tickets, at least 1m safe distancing, use of SafeEntry) to build consumer confidence, and encourage visitors to practice personal responsibility and hygiene.
- Attraction must remind all visitors, where reasonably practical, that they are required to wear masks, maintain at least 1m safe distancing and stay in groups of not more than 5 pax in order to enter, and throughout the duration of the visit.

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