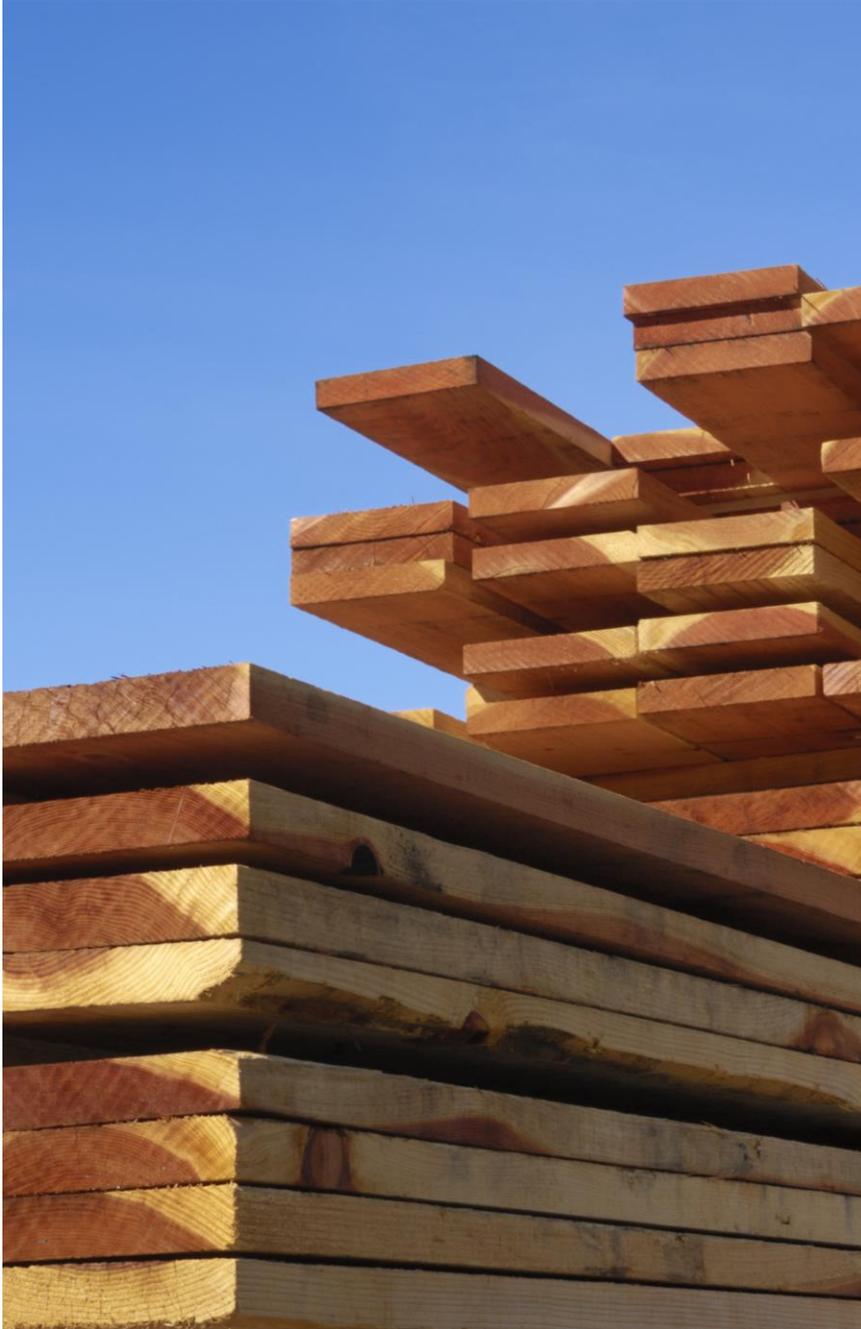


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# REDWOOD LUMBER

AMERICAN WOOD COUNCIL



The American Wood Council (AWC) is pleased to present this Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) of US redwood lumber. The EPD includes Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) results for all processes up to the point that planed and dry lumber is packaged and ready for shipment at the manufacturing gate. The underlying LCA and the EPD were developed in compliance with ISO 14025:2006 and ISO 21930:2017 and have been verified under the UL Environment EPD program.

The AWC represents wood product manufacturers across the United States of America. The US forest product industry is a global leader of sustainably sourced wood products. This EPD reflects years of research and numerous sustainability initiatives on behalf of our members to continually improve the environmental footprint of US wood products. We are pleased to present this document to show our progress.

Please follow our sustainability initiatives at [www.awc.org](http://www.awc.org).



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| EPD PROGRAM AND PROGRAM OPERATOR NAME, ADDRESS, LOGO, AND WEBSITE | UL Environment<br>333 Pfingsten Road Northbrook, IL 60611   | <a href="https://www.ul.com/">https://www.ul.com/</a><br><a href="https://spot.ul.com/">https://spot.ul.com/</a> |
| GENERAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS AND VERSION NUMBER                   | General Program Instructions v.2.4 July 2018  |  |
| DECLARATION HOLDER  | American Wood Council   |  |
| DECLARATION NUMBER  | 4788424634.107.1  |  |
| DECLARED PRODUCT & FUNCTIONAL UNIT OR DECLARED UNIT               | US Redwood Lumber,<br>1 m <sup>3</sup> of redwood lumber produced in the United States of America   |  |
| REFERENCE PCR AND VERSION NUMBER                                  | ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in Building Construction — Environmental Declaration of Building Products.<br><br>UL Environment: Product Category Rules for Building-Related Products and Services Part A: Calculation Rules for the Life Cycle Assessment and Requirements on the Project Report, v3.2<br>Part B: Structural and Architectural Wood Products EPD Requirements, v1.0 |  |
| DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT APPLICATION/USE                            | Redwood lumber is mainly used for decking, outdoor furniture, fencing, and structural products.   |  |
| MARKETS OF APPLICABILITY  | North America   |  |
| DATE OF ISSUE   | July 1, 2020  |  |
| PERIOD OF VALIDITY  | 5 Years   |  |
| EPD TYPE  | Industry-average  |  |
| EPD SCOPE   | Cradle-to-gate  |  |
| YEAR(S) OF REPORTED PRIMARY DATA                                  | 2017  |  |
| LCA SOFTWARE & VERSION NUMBER                                     | Simapro v9 [11]   |  |
| LCI DATABASE(S) & VERSION NUMBER                                  | Datasmart (2019) [9]  |  |
| LCIA METHODOLOGY & VERSION NUMBER                                 | TRACI v2.1 [2]  |  |

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| This PCR Review was conducted by:   | UL Environment  |
|   | PCR Review Panel  |
|   | <a href="mailto:epd@ulenvironment.com">epd@ulenvironment.com</a>                      |
| This declaration was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14025: 2006.<br><input type="checkbox"/> INTERNAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTERNAL |  |
|   | Grant R. Martin, UL Environment   |
| This life cycle assessment was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR by:  |  |
|   | Thomas P. Gloria, Industrial Ecology Consultants                                      |

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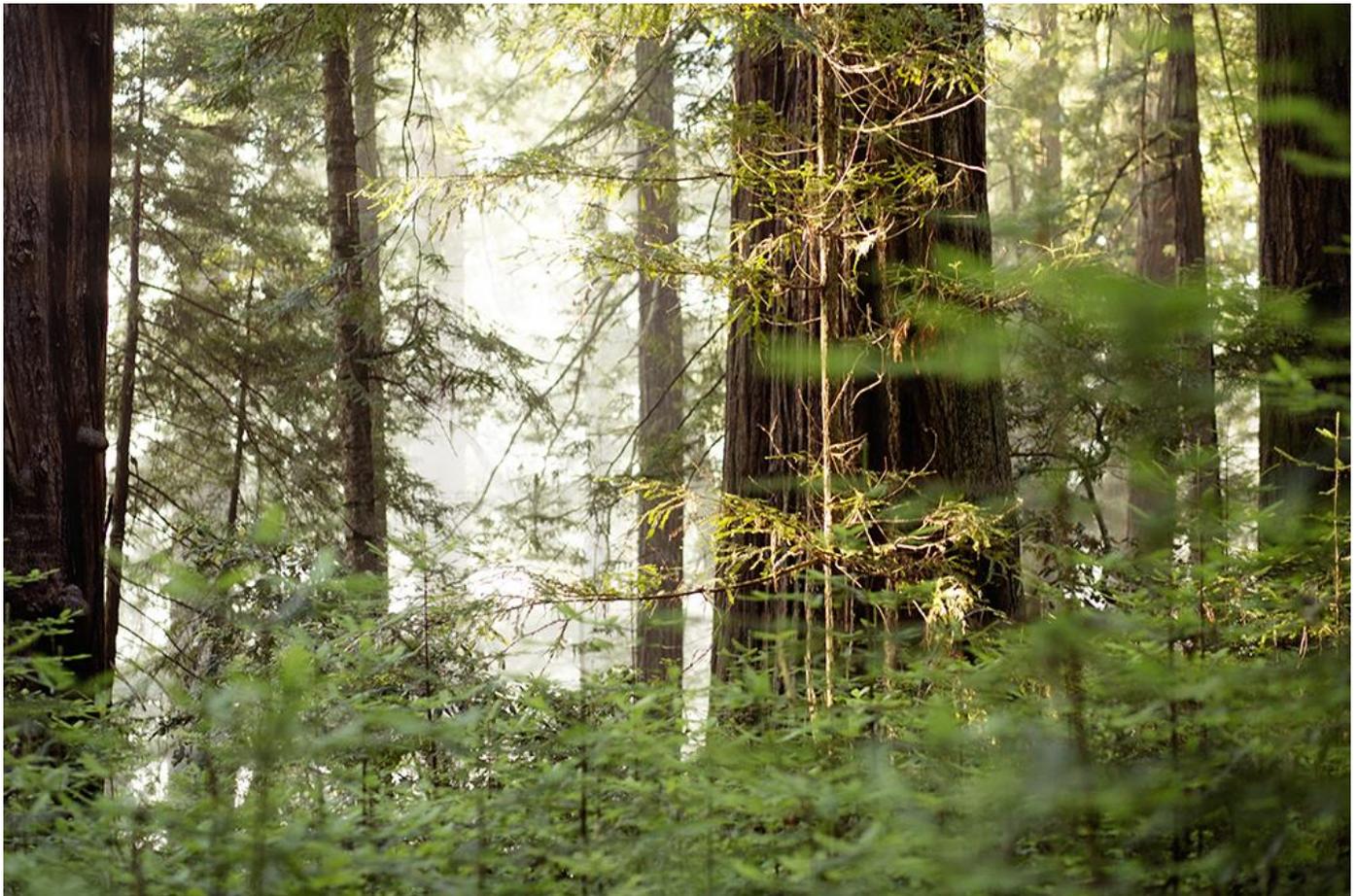
## LIMITATIONS

**Exclusions:** EPDs do not indicate that any environmental or social performance benchmarks are met, and there may be impacts that they do not encompass. LCAs do not typically address the site-specific environmental impacts of raw material extraction, nor are they meant to assess human health toxicity. EPDs can complement but cannot replace tools and certifications that are designed to address these impacts and/or set performance thresholds – e.g. Type 1 certifications, health assessments and declarations, environmental impact assessments, etc.

**Accuracy of Results:** EPDs regularly rely on estimations of impacts; the level of accuracy in estimation of effect differs for any particular product line and reported impact.

**Comparability:** EPDs from different programs may not be comparable. Full conformance with a PCR allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered. However, variations and deviations are possible. Example of variations: Different LCA software and background LCI datasets may lead to different results for upstream or downstream of the life cycle stages declared.

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## 1. Product Definition and Information

### 1.1. Description of Organization

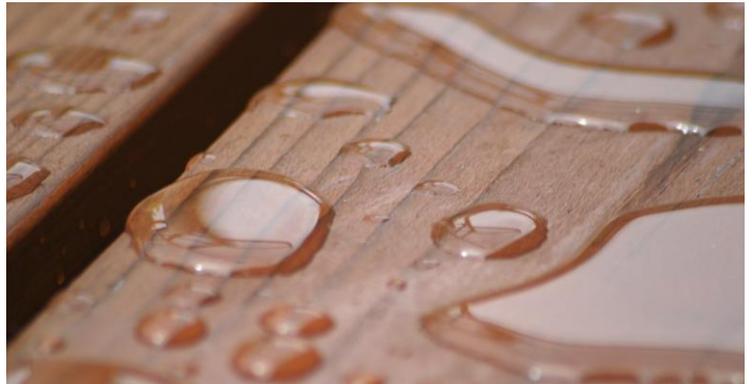
#### Sponsoring organization

American Wood Council (AWC)  
222 Catocin Circle SE, Suite 201  
Leesburg, VA 20175, United States

202-463-2766  
[info@awc.org](mailto:info@awc.org)

#### EPD participants

All producers of redwood lumber meet the eligibility requirements as participants in this EPD.



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## 1.2. Product Description

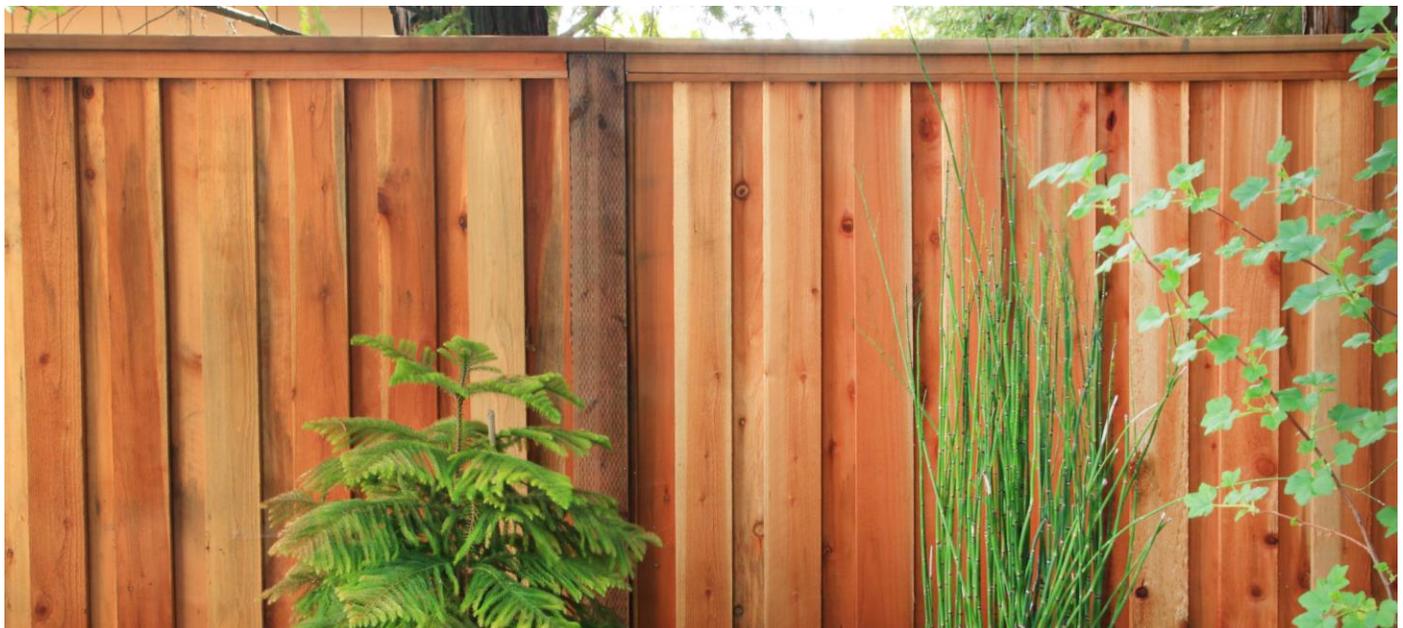
California redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) lumber is produced along California's north coast. The redwood region consists of 2.2 million acres.

Valued for its beauty, natural durability, strength and stability, redwood is used extensively for decking, fencing, pergolas, outdoor furniture, and other uses where its ability to resist exposure to the elements is renowned. Table 1 shows the UNSPSC and CSI code for redwood lumber applications.

Redwood lumber is available in a range of "nominal dimensions", the most common being 2 inches thick by 6 inches wide (2x6), 2 inches thick by 4 inches wide (2x4), and 2 inches thick by 8 inches wide (2x8), which account for roughly 70% of redwood lumber production in the US.

**Table 1. United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC) and Construction Specification Institute (CSI) MasterFormat Code for the represented redwood lumber product**

| CLASSIFICATION STANDARD | CATEGORY                     | SUBCATEGORY  | PRODUCT CODE |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| UNSPSC                  | Structural products          | Wood planks  | 301036 05    |
|                         | Exterior finishing materials | Wood fencing | 30152002     |
| CSI                     | Sawn timber (Lumber)         | Wood Framing | 06 11 00     |
|                         |                              | Wood Decking | 06 15 00     |



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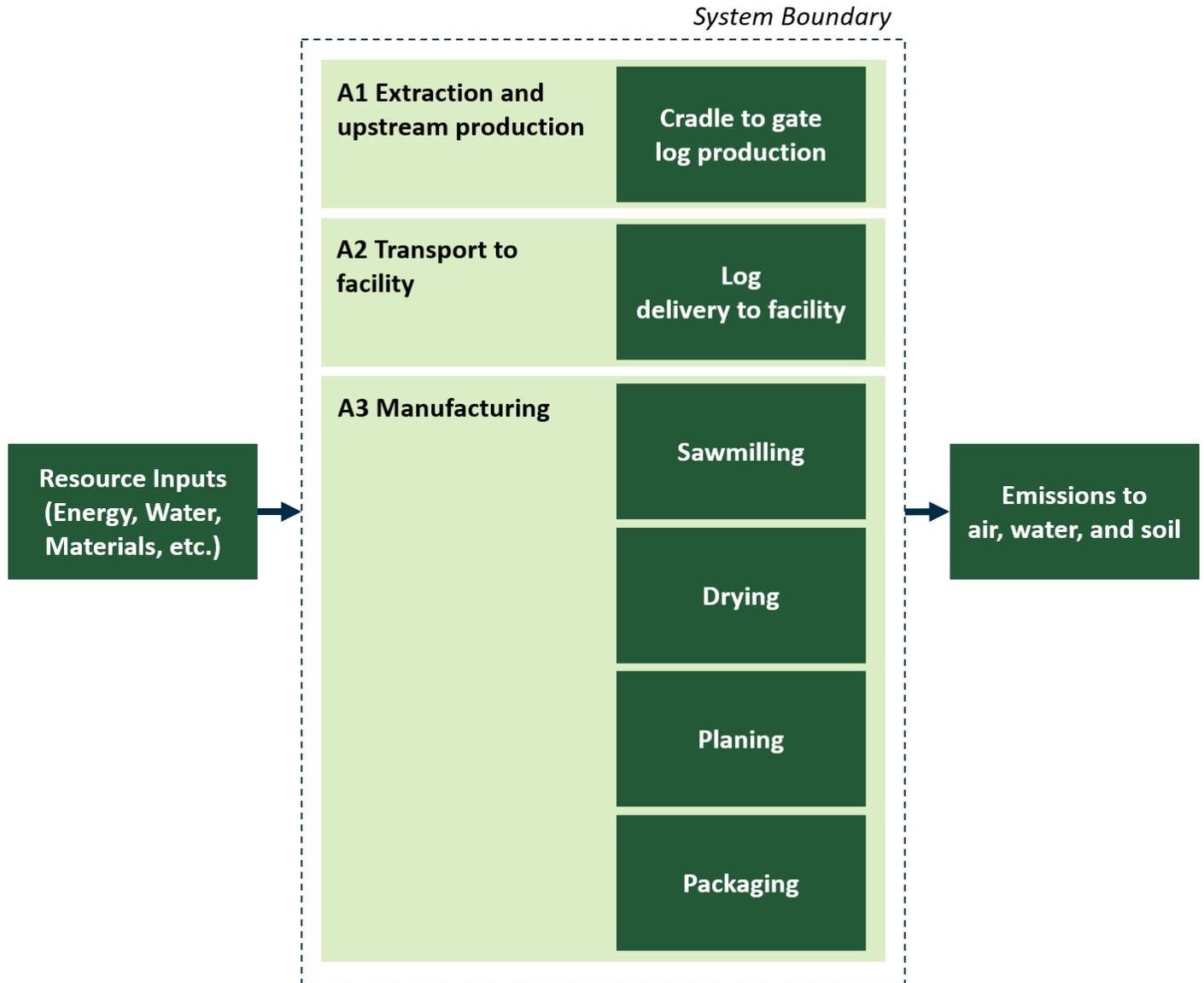


Figure 1. Cradle-to-Gate redwood lumber production flow diagram



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## 1.3. Application

Redwood is used for decking, fencing, pergolas, outdoor furniture, and other uses where its ability to resist exposure to the elements is renowned.

## 1.4. Material Composition

The declared product consists solely of redwood. The percentage material composition is shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. Material composition of US redwood lumber**

| PRODUCT COMPONENT | PERCENTAGE OF DECLARED PRODUCT |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Redwood           | 100%                           |

## 1.5. Technical Requirements

The technical requirements of the products represented in this EPD are defined in the following product standard:  
DOC PS20 American Softwood Lumber Standard





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1.6. Manufacturing

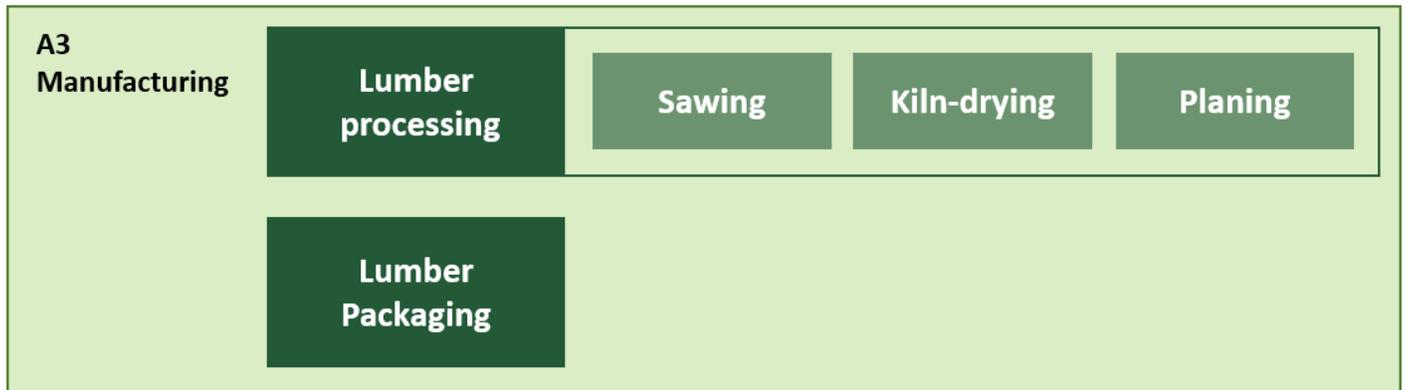


Figure 3. Redwood lumber manufacturing process

Lumber manufacturing comprises of three main processes: Sawing, Kiln-drying, and Planing. All processes are subject to emission control. Figure 3 shows the relationship between the processes and the woody input and outputs from each process.

The sawmill process includes debarking, sawing, chipping, and grinding required to convert the logs to rough green lumber and coproducts. The process starts with debarking after which the logs are opened on a head rig. The head rig creates lumber, flitches, and cants. The flitches and cants pass through resaws and edgers and are cut into lumber. The lumber is then sorted and stacked. The bark is ground and either sold or used as fuel. The saws create sawdust which is either sold or used as fuel. The slabs and edgings that are not large enough to saw into lumber are chipped. The chips are sold to pulp mills.

Drying includes the kilns which receive green lumber stacked on carts with wood spacers (stickers) between the layers. The stickers allow air to flow between the layers in the dryer. The kilns are either a continuous or batch process. The lumber in continuous kilns moves continually through the chamber at rate of a few feet per hour. In a batch kiln the lumber is dried for 24 to 60 hours. It is then moved to the dry shed or planer infeed. Some kilns are heated using steam generated by burning wood.

Planing makes the lumber a uniform size and creates a smooth surface. It includes unstacking, planing, grading, end trimming, sorting, and packaging. Occasionally some lengthwise sawing is done in the planing process. The process includes moving the packages and loading for shipment.

1.7. Packaging

Packaging materials represent less than one percent of the mass of the main product. Common packaging materials are lumber wrap and plastic strapping, cardboard protectors and replacement sticks. The packaging is allocated 100% to the primary product.





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## 2. Life Cycle Assessment Background Information

### 2.1. Declaration of Methodological Framework

The underlying LCA [12] was performed in conformance with ISO 14040/44 [6, 7], ISO 21930 [8] and EN 15804 [3], as well as the PCR from UL Environment, Part A [13] and Part B [14]. In addition, the ACLCA Guidance to Calculating Non-LCIA Inventory Metrics in Accordance with ISO 21930:2017 were considered [1].

### 2.2. Functional or Declared Unit

The declared unit of the underlying LCA study was “the production of one cubic meter (1 m<sup>3</sup>) of redwood lumber produced in the United States of America”. Table 3 specifies the properties of the declared unit.

**Table 3. Properties of 1 m<sup>3</sup> US redwood lumber**

| PROPERTY                           | UNIT                           | VALUE    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Mass                               | kg (oven dry)                  | 380      |
| Thickness to achieve Declared Unit | mm                             | 19       |
| Density                            | kg (oven dry) / m <sup>3</sup> | 380      |
| Moisture Content                   | %                              | 19 - 127 |

### 2.3. System Boundary

The LCA investigated the redwood lumber life cycle from cradle to gate. The product system comprises the production stage including the information modules ‘A1 Extraction and upstream production’, ‘A2 Transport to factory’ and ‘A3 Manufacturing’.

#### A1 Extraction and upstream production

This information module includes all forestry activities that are customary to North American managed forests: thinning, fertilization, logging, seedling growth and replanting of logged forests. Harvesting of trees is done by chainsaw, harvester, or feller buncher in accordance with the management regime (logging). The tree is turned into logs by removing the limbs (delimiting) and then cut into logs of optimal length (bucking). The logs are moved from the stump to the landing by ground vehicles, cable systems, or flown to the landing by helicopter. Additionally, some logs are not bucked until they are transferred to the landing or mill site.

#### A2 Transport to facility

A2 includes transportation of the logs and ancillary production materials to the mill by truck, water or rail transport.

#### A3 Manufacturing

The redwood lumber manufacturing includes sawing, kiln drying, and planing. Sawing encompasses all log handling from reception at mill gate (including “hot pond” treatment and debarking) to the breakdown of the logs into rough green lumber. Drying encompasses the kilns, loading area, and unloading/cooling (storage) and air-drying areas. Planing encompasses the unstacker, planer, and packaging areas. Each of these includes conveyance to the next unit process or plant gate.



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## 2.4. Cut-off Criteria

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The cut-off criteria for all activity stage flows considered within the system boundary conform with ISO 21930:2017 Section 7.1.8. Specifically, the cut-off criteria were applied as follows:

- All inputs and outputs for which data are available are included in the calculated effects and no collected core process data are excluded.
- A one percent cut-off is considered for renewable and non-renewable primary energy consumption and the total mass of inputs within a unit process. The sum of the total neglected flows does not exceed 5% of all energy consumption and mass of inputs.
- All flows known to contribute a significant impact or to uncertainty are included.
- The cut-off rules are not applied to hazardous and toxic material flows – all of which are included in the life cycle inventory.

No material or energy input or output was knowingly excluded from the system boundary.

## 2.5. Data Sources

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Three mills provided primary data for redwood lumber production. At all levels in the study a horizontal averaging approach was applied.

The impacts of forest management was estimated by a weighted average based on regional surveys of truck and equipment use.

Secondary data was derived from the database Datasmart [9] and from CORRIM literature [4,10].

Secondary data sources were evaluated regarding their temporal, geographical, technological representativeness and completeness. The temporal representativeness ranged from fair (data within 10 years) to very good (data within 1 year), the geographical representativeness was very good or good (data was specific to North America or represented global processes), the technological representativeness was very good (data represented North American technology). A detailed description of data sources as well as the respective data quality assessment are documented in the underlying LCA project reports. Primary and secondary data sources represented the product system and were complete. Therefore, no estimates or assumptions were used.

## 2.6. Period under Review

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Primary data collected from the manufacturing facilities are representative for the years 2017. Secondary data sources used for the development of the LCI were updated in 2020.

## 2.7. Allocation

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Allocation is the method used to partition the environmental load of a process when several products or functions share the same process. Redwood lumber manufacturing is a "multi-functional" process where multiple products and coproducts are produced in a common process. In accordance with UL PCR 2019, the environmental load among these products is allocated according to its mass.



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## 3. Life Cycle Assessment Results

Table 4 indicates the considered life cycle stages and information modules. This EPD includes the production stage with information modules A1-A3. All other information modules are not declared (MND).

Table 4. Description of the system boundary modules

|          | PRODUCTION STAGE                    |                       |               | CONSTRUCTION STAGE |              | USE STAGE |             |        |             |               |  |   | END-OF-LIFE STAGE |           |                  |          | BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------|---------------|--|---|-------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|---|
|          | A1                                  | A2                    | A3            | A4                 | A5           | B1        | B2          | B3     | B4          | B5            | B6   | B7  | C1                | C2        | C3               | C4       | D   |
|          | Extraction and up-stream production | Transport to facility | Manufacturing | Transport to site  | Installation | Use       | Maintenance | Repair | Replacement | Refurbishment | Building Operational Energy Use During Product Use | Building Operational Water Use During Product Use | Deconstruction    | Transport | Waste processing | Disposal | Reuse, Recovery, Recycling Potential          |
| EPD Type | X                                   | X                     | X             | MND                | MND          | MND       | MND         | MND    | MND         | MND           | MND  | MND   | MND               | MND       | MND              | MND      | MND   |



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**Table 5. Selected Impact Category Indicators and Inventory Parameters**

| CORE MANDATORY IMPACT INDICATORS  | ABBREVIATION          | UNIT                  | METHOD                     |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Global warming potential – TRACI 2.1  | GWP <sub>TRACI</sub>  | kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq | TRACI 2.1 V1.02            |
| Global warming potential – w/ biogenic CO <sub>2</sub>                                      | GWP <sub>BIO</sub>    | kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq | TRACI 2.1 V1.02 + LCI Ind. |
| Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer  | ODP                   | kg CFC-11 eq          | TRACI 2.1 V1.02            |
| Acidification potential of soil and water sources   | AP                    | kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq | TRACI 2.1 V1.02            |
| Eutrophication potential  | EP                    | kg N eq               | TRACI 2.1 V1.02            |
| Formation potential of tropospheric ozone   | SFP                   | kg O <sub>3</sub> eq  | TRACI 2.1 V1.02            |
| Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources  | ADP <sub>fossil</sub> | MJ, LHV               | CML-IA Baseline V3.02      |
| Fossil fuel depletion   | FFD                   | MJ Surplus            | TRACI 2.1 V1.02            |
| <b>USE OF PRIMARY RESOURCES</b>   |                       |                       |                            |
| Renewable primary energy carrier used as energy   | RPR <sub>E</sub>      | MJ, LHV               | CED V1.10                  |
| Renewable primary energy carrier used as material   | RPR <sub>M</sub>      | MJ, LHV               | LCI Indicator              |
| Non-renewable primary energy carrier used as energy   | NRPR <sub>E</sub>     | MJ, LHV               | CED V1.10                  |
| Non-renewable primary energy carrier used as material                                       | NRPR <sub>M</sub>     | MJ, LHV               | LCI Indicator              |
| <b>SECONDARY MATERIAL, SECONDARY FUEL, AND RECOVERED ENERGY</b>                             |                       |                       |                            |
| Secondary material  | SM                    | kg                    | LCI Indicator              |
| Renewable secondary fuel  | RSF                   | MJ, LHV               | LCI Indicator              |
| Non-renewable secondary fuel  | NRSF                  | MJ, LHV               | LCI Indicator              |
| Recovered energy  | RE                    | MJ, LHV               | LCI Indicator              |
| <b>MANDATORY INVENTORY PARAMETERS</b>   |                       |                       |                            |
| Consumption of freshwater resources   | FW                    | m <sup>3</sup>        | LCI Indicator              |
| <b>INDICATORS DESCRIBING WASTE</b>  |                       |                       |                            |
| Hazardous waste disposed  | HWD                   | kg                    | LCI Indicator              |
| Non-hazardous waste disposed  | NHWD                  | kg                    | LCI Indicator              |
| High-level radioactive waste  | HLRW                  | m <sup>3</sup>        | LCI Indicator              |
| Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste   | ILLRW                 | m <sup>3</sup>        | LCI Indicator              |
| Components for re-use   | CRU                   | kg                    | LCI Indicator              |
| Materials for recycling   | MR                    | kg                    | LCI Indicator              |
| Materials for energy recovery   | MER                   | kg                    | LCI Indicator              |
| Recovered energy exported from the product system   | EE                    | MJ, LHV               | LCI Indicator              |
| <b>ADDITIONAL INVENTORY PARAMETERS</b>  |                       |                       |                            |
| Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product  | BCRP                  | kg CO <sub>2</sub>    | LCI Indicator              |
| Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product   | BCEP                  | kg CO <sub>2</sub>    | LCI Indicator              |
| Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging  | BCRK                  | kg CO <sub>2</sub>    | LCI Indicator              |
| Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging   | BCEK                  | kg CO <sub>2</sub>    | LCI Indicator              |
| Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production | BCEW                  | kg CO <sub>2</sub>    | LCI Indicator              |



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## 3.1. Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results

**Table 6. Impact Assessment Results for 1 m<sup>3</sup> of US Redwood Lumber**

| TRACI v2.1   | TOTAL    | A1       | A2       | A3       |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| GWP <sub>TRACI</sub> [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq]                       | 37.97    | 15.16    | 7.06     | 15.75    |
| GWP <sub>BIO</sub> (incl. biogenic carbon) [kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq] | 37.97    | -1424.19 | 7.06     | 1455.10* |
| ODP [kg CFC-11 eq]   | 8.13E-07 | 6.11E-09 | 2.69E-10 | 8.07E-07 |
| AP [kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq]   | 0.35     | 0.20     | 0.04     | 0.11     |
| EP [kg N eq]   | 0.07     | 0.01     | 0.00     | 0.06     |
| POCP [kg O <sub>3</sub> eq]  | 10.74    | 6.28     | 1.15     | 3.31     |
| ADP <sub>fossil</sub> [MJ, LHV]                                    | 511.45   | 205.42   | 88.02    | 218.01   |
| Fossil fuel depletion [MJ surplus]                                 | 73.97    | 31.48    | 13.50    | 28.99    |

\*A3 Results for GWP<sub>BIO</sub> include downstream emissions that occur in information module A5 and C3/C4. See Table 9 for detailed LCI of biogenic carbon.

## 3.2. Life Cycle Inventory Results

**Table 7. Resource Use for 1 m<sup>3</sup> of US Redwood Lumber**

| PARAMETER                   | TOTAL    | A1     | A2    | A3       |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------|-------|----------|
| RPR <sub>E</sub> [MJ, LHV]  | 1,354.71 | 0.23   | 0.00  | 1,354.49 |
| RPR <sub>M</sub> [MJ, LHV]  | 7,942.00 | 0.00   | 0.00  | 7,942.00 |
| NRPR <sub>E</sub> [MJ, LHV] | 576.04   | 218.26 | 93.50 | 264.28   |
| NRPR <sub>M</sub> [MJ, LHV] | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00     |
| SM [kg]                     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00     |
| RSF [MJ, LHV]               | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00     |
| NRSF [MJ, LHV]              | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00     |
| RE [MJ, LHV]                | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00     |
| FW [m <sup>3</sup> ]        | 0.16     | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.16     |

**Table 8. Output Flows and Waste Categories for 1 m<sup>3</sup> of US Redwood Lumber**

| PARAMETER               | TOTAL    | A1       | A2   | A3       |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|------|----------|
| HWD [kg]                | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00 | 0.00     |
| NHWD [kg]               | 9.63     | 0.00     | 0.00 | 9.63     |
| HLRW [m <sup>3</sup> ]  | 1.43E-07 | 1.01E-10 | 0.00 | 1.43E-07 |
| ILLRW [m <sup>3</sup> ] | 3.71E-08 | 2.10E-11 | 0.00 | 3.70E-08 |
| CRU [kg]                | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00 | 0.00     |
| MR [kg]                 | 0.06     | 0.00     | 0.00 | 0.06     |
| MER [kg]                | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00 | 0.00     |
| EE [MJ, LHV]            | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00 | 0.00     |



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Biogenic carbon emissions and removals are reported in accordance with ISO 21930 7.2.7. and 7.2.12.

The biogenic carbon emissions across the declared modules (A1-A3) is zero (carbon neutral). Based on ISO 21930 accounting rules for cradle-to-gate life cycle assessment, all carbon removed from the atmosphere (characterized in the LCIA as -1 kg CO<sub>2e</sub>/kg CO<sub>2</sub>) in module A1 is calculated as being emitted to the atmosphere in other modules (characterized in the LCIA as +1 kg CO<sub>2e</sub>/kg CO<sub>2</sub>). Total GWP<sub>BIO</sub> includes biogenic carbon emissions and removals from the information modules A1-A3 and also reports values for modules A5 and C3/C4 to account for the biogenic carbon that is not emitted in the declared modules to ensure a net neutral biogenic carbon balance. Therefore, in Table 6 the results for total GWP<sub>TRACI</sub> and total GWP<sub>BIO</sub> are equal.

Table 9 shows additional inventory parameters related to biogenic carbon removal and emissions. The carbon dioxide flows are presented unallocated to consider co-products leaving the product system in information module A3. Even though the system boundary of this study included only the information modules A1-A3, in accordance with ISO 21930, BCEK is reported in A5 and BCEP of the main product in C3/C4.

ISO 21930 requires a demonstration of forest sustainability to characterize carbon removals with a factor of -1 kg CO<sub>2e</sub>/kg CO<sub>2</sub>. ISO 21930 Section 7.2.11 Note 2 states the following regarding demonstrating forest sustainability: “Other evidences such as national reporting under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) can be used to identify forests with stable or increasing forest carbon stocks.” The UNFCCC annual report of the US provides annual net GHG Flux Estimates for different land use categories in Table 6-1. This reporting indicates national increasing forest carbon stocks in recent years. Thus, US forests meet the conditions for characterization of removals with a factor of -1 kg CO<sub>2e</sub>/kg CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Table 9. Carbon Emissions and Removals for 1 m<sup>3</sup> of US Redwood Lumber**

| PARAMETER                  | TOTAL     | A1        | A2 | A3     | A5   | C3/C4  |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----|--------|------|--------|
| BCRP [kg CO <sub>2</sub> ] | (1439.35) | (1439.35) | -  | -      | -    | -      |
| BCEP [kg CO <sub>2</sub> ] | 839.17    | -         | -  | 142.51 | -    | 696.67 |
| BCRK [kg CO <sub>2</sub> ] | (0.95)    | -         | -  | (0.95) | -    | -      |
| BCEK [kg CO <sub>2</sub> ] | 0.95      | -         | -  | -      | 0.95 | -      |
| BCEW [kg CO <sub>2</sub> ] | 192.49    | -         | -  | 192.49 | -    | -      |





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## 4. LCA Interpretation

### Comparability

Environmental declarations from different programs (ISO 14025) may not be comparable. Comparison of the environmental performance using EPD information shall consider all relevant information modules over the full life cycle of the products within the building.

Comparison of the environmental performance of construction works and construction products using EPD information shall be based on the product's use and impacts at the construction works level. In general, EPDs may not be used for comparability purposes when not considered in a construction works context. Given this PCR ensures products meet the same functional requirements, comparability is permissible provided the information given for such comparison is transparent and the limitations of comparability explained.

Full conformance with the UL PCR Part B for 'Structural and Architectural Wood Products' allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered, when they comply with all referenced standards, use the same sub-category Part B PCR, and use equivalent scenarios with respect to construction works. However, variations and deviations are possible.

### Forest Management

While this EPD does not address landscape level forest management impacts, potential impacts may be addressed through requirements put forth in regional regulatory frameworks, ASTM 7612-15 guidance, and ISO 21930 Section 7.2.11 including notes therein. These documents, combined with this EPD, may provide a more complete picture of environmental and social performance of wood products.

While this EPD does not address all forest management activities that influence forest carbon, wildlife habitat, endangered species, and soil and water quality, these potential impacts may be addressed through other mechanisms such as regulatory frameworks and/or forest certification systems which, combined with this EPD, will give a more complete picture of environmental and social performance of wood products.

### Scope of the EPD

EPDs can complement but cannot replace tools and certifications that are designed to address environmental impacts and/or set performance thresholds – e.g. Type 1 certifications, health assessments and declarations, etc.

### Data

National or regional life cycle averaged data for raw material extraction does not distinguish between extraction practices at specific sites and can greatly affect the resulting impacts.

### Accuracy of Results

EPDs regularly rely on estimations of impacts; the level of accuracy in estimation of effect differs for any particular product line and reported impact when averaging data.



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## 5. Additional Environmental Information

### 5.1. Environment and Health During Manufacturing

No substances required to be reported as hazardous are associated with the production of the declared product. Furthermore, no dangerous substance emissions, i.e. indoor air emissions, gamma or ionizing radiation emissions or chemicals released to air or leached to water and soil, were reported for the declared product.

### 5.2. Extraordinary Effects

#### Fire, water and mechanical destruction

Testing data on fire, water and mechanical destruction are available from individual manufacturers.

### 5.3. Cradle-to-Grave Carbon Sequestration

The product system represented in this EPD includes the information modules 'A1 Extraction and upstream production', 'A2 Transport to factory' and 'A3 Manufacturing'. As per ISO 21930, the net biogenic carbon emissions across the reported modules is zero (carbon neutral). This conservative assumption excludes the permanent sequestration of biogenic carbon if the LCA were to consider the typical end-of-life treatment for wood products, landfilling.

UL Environment published an addendum to the reference PCR that estimates the emissions from landfilling of wood products. The carbon sequestration addendum is based on the United States EPA WARM model and aligns with the biogenic accounting rules in ISO 21930 Section 7.2.7 and Section 7.2.12. Because the end-of-life fate of this material is unknown, we have applied the default disposal pathway from the UL PCR Part A Section 2.8.5, 100% landfill.

The following results apply the UL PCR addendum methodology to the biogenic carbon present in the primary product as it leaves the manufacturer in Module A3.

1 m<sup>3</sup> redwood lumber = 380.00 oven dry kg = 190.00 kg carbon = 696.67 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq

Carbon sequestered in product at manufacturing gate:  
696.67 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq = -696.67 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq emission

Methane emitted from fugitive landfill gas:  
1.34 kg CH<sub>4</sub> = 33.51 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq emission

Carbon dioxide emitted from fugitive landfill gas and the combustion captured landfill gas:  
78.24 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq emission

**Permanent carbon sequestration, net of biogenic carbon emissions:**  
584.92 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq = -584.92 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq emission





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