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AN

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to amend certain enactments for decriminalising and rationalising offences, reducing regulatory burden, eliminating redundant and overlapping licensing requirements, simplifying compliance requirements, and further enhancing trust-based Governance for ease of living and doing business in the State of Odisha.

BE it enacted by State Legislature in the Seventy-Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:

Short title and commencement.

1. *(1)* This Act may be called the Odisha Jan Vishwas Act, 2026.

*(2)*It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint; and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act and for amendments relating to different enactments specified in the First Schedule and the Second Schedule.

Decriminalisation of Certain Enactments specified in the First Schedule.

2. The enactments specified in column (4) of the Schedule I are hereby amended to the extent and in the manner specified in column (5) thereof.

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Easing Licence and Regulatory Requirements in Certain Enactments specified in the Second Schedule.

3. The enactments specified in column (4) of the Schedule II are hereby amended to the extent and in the manner specified in column (5) thereof.

Authority to impose penalties and hear appeals.

4. (1) No penalty shall be imposed under any provision of an enactment amended by this Act except after giving the person concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard and in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this Section, "Adjudicating Officer" means—

(a) the Authority specified in the relevant enactment; or

(b) where no Authority is specified in the relevant enactment, such Officer or Authority as the State Government may, by notification, designate for the purpose.

(2) Any person aggrieved by an order imposing a penalty under any enactment amended by this Act may prefer an appeal to such Appellate Authority as may be specified in the relevant enactment or, where no such authority is specified, to such Officer or Authority as the State Government may, by notification, designate.

(3) An appeal under sub-section (2) shall be filed within thirty days from the date of communication of the order:

Provided that the Appellate Authority may entertain an appeal after the expiry of the said period if it is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal within such period.

(4) The Appellate Authority may, after giving the parties an opportunity of being heard, confirm, modify or set aside the order appealed against.

(5) The manner of holding inquiry, imposition of penalty and disposal of appeals under this section shall be such as may be prescribed.

Recovery of penalties.

5. Any penalty imposed under an enactment amended by this Act and remaining unpaid shall be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.

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Revision of fines and penalties.

6. The fines and penalties provided under various provisions in the enactments specified in the Schedule I shall stand increased by ten per cent of the minimum amount of fine or penalty, as the case may be, prescribed therefore, after the expiry of every three years from the date of commencement of this Act.

Savings.

7. The amendment or repeal by this Act of any enactment shall not affect any other enactment in which the amended or repealed enactment has been applied, incorporated or referred to;

and this Act shall not affect the validity, invalidity, effect or consequences of anything already done or suffered, or any right, title, obligation or liability already acquired, accrued or incurred or any remedy or proceeding in respect thereof, or any release or discharge of, or from any debt, penalty, obligation, liability, claim or demand, or any indemnity already granted, or the proof of any past act or thing;

nor shall this Act affect any principle or rule of law, or established jurisdiction, form or course of pleading, practice or procedure, or existing usage, custom, privilege, restriction, exemption, office or appointment, notwithstanding that the same respectively may have been in any manner affirmed, or recognised or derived by, in or from any enactment hereby amended or repealed;

nor shall the amendment or repeal by this Act of any enactment revive or restore any jurisdiction, office, custom, liability, right, title, privilege, restriction, exemption, usage, practice, procedure or other matter or thing not now existing or in force.

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SCHEDULE I

(*See section 2*)

Serial No.	Year	No.	Short Title	Amendments
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(1)	1957	4	The Odisha Warehouse Act,1956	(A) In Section 32,— (1) in sub-section (1), for the words "shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to one lakh rupees" shall be substituted; and (2) in sub-section (2), for the words "shall be deemed to be guilty of such offence", the words "shall be liable to the penalty specified under sub-section (1)" shall be substituted.
(2)	1957	8	The Odisha Homoeopathic Act,1956	(A) In Section 48, for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted namely,— "(2) Whoever contravenes the provision of sub-section (1) shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to fifty thousand rupees and if the person so contravening is an association, every member of such association who knowingly or willfully Authorises or permits the contravention, shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to fifty thousand rupees.". (B) In Section 49, for the words "shall, on conviction, be punishable with fine, which may extend to two hundred

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				rupees for the first offence, and with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees for every subsequent offence", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees and in the case of a second or subsequent contravention, shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.
				(C) In Section 51, for the words "shall, on conviction of such offence, be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.
(3)	1958	5	The Odisha Live Stock Improvement Act, 1957	(A) In Section 15, for the words "shall on conviction, be punished with fine which may extend to fifty rupees and in the case of a second or in the subsequent offence with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to ten thousand rupees and in the case of a second or subsequent contravention, shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to twenty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.
				(B) Section 16 shall be omitted.
				(C) In Section 20, in sub-section (3), for the words "shall be punishable with fine which may extend to rupees fifty", the words "shall be liable to a penalty

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				which may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.
(4)	1958	30	The Odisha Fire Works and Loud Speakers (Regulation) Act, 1958	(A) In Section 5, for the words "shall, on conviction, be liable to be punished with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or with both", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to seventy-five thousand rupees" shall be substituted. (B) Section 6 shall be omitted. (C) In Section 7, clause (i) of sub-section (1), and sub-section (3) shall be omitted.
(5)	1959	14	The Odisha Irrigation Act, 1959	(A) In Section 20A,— (1) in sub-section (5), for the words "shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees, or with both and where any such person after being convicted under this sub-section for the offence continues to commit the offence or commits it for the second or any subsequent time he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees, or with both", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to one lakh rupees and where such person continues such

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					contravention or commits the same for the second or any subsequent time, shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to two lakh rupees" shall be substituted; and (2) in clause (a) of sub-section (6), for the words "shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to three lakh rupees and where such company continues such contravention or commits the same for the second or any subsequent time, shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to five lakh rupees." shall be substituted.
(6)	1961	18	The Odisha Medical Registration Act, 1961	(A) In Section 33, for the words "with fine which may extend to three hundred rupees", the words "with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees." shall be substituted (B) In Section 34, — (1) in sub-section (1), for the words "shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees", the words "shall be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted; and (2) sub-section (2) shall be omitted.	

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(7)	1965	1	The Odisha Grama Panchayat Act, 1964	(A) In Section 58, in sub-section (4), for the words “shall be liable on conviction to be punished with a fine not exceeding rupees fifty”, the words “shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted. (B) In Section 68, for the words “shall be liable on conviction to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees for the first offence and if the offence be a continuing one, with a further fine which may extend to five rupees for every day after the first conviction during which an offender is proved to have persisted in the commission of the offence,” the words “shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to fifty thousand rupees for the first contravention and if the contravention be a continuing one, with a further penalty which may extend to five thousand rupees for every day after the first contravention during which a person is proved to have persisted in the commission of the contravention.” shall be substituted. (C) In Section 93, in sub-section (1), in clause (b), for the word “fines”, the word “fines or penalties, as applicable” shall be substituted. (D) In Section 111, in sub-section (3), for the words “shall, on conviction be punishable with fine not exceeding an

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amount of rupees fifty and when the contravention is a continuing one with a further fine which may extend to rupees five for everyday during which the offender is proved to have persisted in committing the offence.", the words "shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten thousand rupees and when the contravention is a continuing one with a further penalty which may extend to one thousand rupees for every day during which the person is proved to have persisted in committing the contravention." shall be substituted.

(E) In Section 128, for the words "on conviction punishable with fine not exceeding an amount of rupees twenty-five and when the contravention or non-compliance is a continuing one with a further fine which may extend to one rupee for every day after the first conviction during which an offender is proved to have persisted in committing the offence.", the words "liable to a penalty not exceeding ten thousand rupees and when the contravention or non-compliance is a continuing one with a further penalty which may extend to one thousand rupees for every day after the first contravention during which a person is proved to have persisted in committing the contravention." shall be substituted.

(F) In Section 129, for the words "shall be punishable with fine, which may

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extend to ten rupees and when the breach is a continuing one with a further fine which may extend to one rupee for every day after the date of the first conviction during which the offender is proved to have persisted in the commission of the offence.", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to ten thousand rupees and when the contravention is a continuing one with a further penalty which may extend to one thousand rupees for every day after the date of the first contravention during which the person is proved to have persisted in the commission of the contravention." shall be substituted.

(G) In Section 130, in sub-section (1), for the words "shall be punishable with fine which may extend to ten rupees.", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to five thousand rupees." shall be substituted.

(H) In Section 141,—

(1) in sub-section (1), for the words, "shall without prejudice to any other liability under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, on conviction, be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both.", the words, "shall, without prejudice to any other liability under this Act or any other

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				law for the time being in force, on conviction, be punishable with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees or with both." shall be substituted; and (2) In sub-section (2), for the word "cognizable", the word "non-cognizable" shall be substituted. (I) In Section 154, sub-section (3) shall be omitted.
(8)	1970	3	The Odisha Veterinary Practitioners Act, 1969	(A) In Section 32, for the words "he shall, whether any person is actually deceived by such representation or not, be punishable, on conviction with fine which may extend to three hundred rupees", the words "he shall, whether any person is actually deceived by such representation or not, be liable to a penalty which may extend to fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted. (B) Section 33 shall be omitted.
(9)	1978	32	The Odisha State-Aid to Industries Act, 1978	(A) In Section 24, in clause (e), for the words "shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees", the words "shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted. (B) In Section 30,— (1) in sub-section (1), for the words "a penalty which may extend to fifty

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				rupees", the words "a penalty which may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted; and (2) in sub-section (2), for the words "a penalty which may extend to one hundred rupees", the words "a penalty which may extend to ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted.
(10)	1986	5	The Odisha Requisitioning of Goods Vehicles Act, 1986	(A) In Section 9, for the words "he shall be punishable with fine not exceeding five thousand rupees", the words "he shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to ten thousand rupees. Such fine shall be levied upon the contravener by the Collector concerned." shall be substituted. (B) After Section 11, the following section shall be inserted, namely; — " Appeal 11A. Any person aggrieved by an order passed under section 9 of this Act may file an appeal before the Appellate Authority within thirty days from the date of issuance of such order. The Revenue Divisional Commissioner having jurisdiction over the concerned Revenue Division shall be the Appellate Authority for the purposes of this Act.".
(11)	1996	2	The Odisha Electricity Reforms Act, 1995	(A) In Section 41, for the words "he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three months or with penalty by way of fine which may extend to rupees one lakh, or both and a further penalty which may extend to

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rupees four thousand for each day after the first during which the offence continues", the words "he shall be punishable with fine which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees but which may extend to ten lakh rupees in respect of each offence and in the case of continuing failure, with an additional fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees but which may extend to fifty thousand rupees for every day during which the failure continues after conviction of the first such offence." shall be substituted.

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SCHEDULE II

(*See section 3*)

Sl. No. (1)	Year (2)	No. (3)	Short Title (4)	Amendments (5)
(1)	1950	23	The Odisha Municipal Act, 1950	(A) For Section 245, the following section shall be substituted, namely; — "245. No person shall, without the permission of the Executive Officer or without submitting a written intimation to the Executive Officer in such form, with such documents, and with such fee as may be prescribed, displace, take up or make any alteration in fences, posts, pavement flags or other materials of any public road, or dig at any place on any public road: **Provided that,** where a Government service provider or similar parastatal body, submits such application through the official portal, along with the applicable fee, an acknowledgement of such submission shall be issued to the applicant and issue of such acknowledgement shall be deemed to constitute permission granted under this section. Upon receipt of which the applicant shall be entitled to commence the work. These provisions would be applicable to other private agencies or persons only when authorised by the ULBs: **Provided further that**, the ULB, may, at any time, inspect the site and issue such directions as it may consider necessary in regard to the execution of the work, restoration of the site, or maintenance of public safety, and the applicant shall comply with such directions.

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				(B)In Section 314, in clause (b), after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:— "Provided further that no separate permission under this section shall be required for establishing or operating a slaughterhouse where the applicant holds a valid Trade License issued under this Act.". (C) In Section 337, — (1) after sub-section (9), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely: — "(10) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, no person carrying or operating a factory as defined under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, having registered under section 3 of that Code or under any rules made thereunder or having Factory licence under the Odisha Factories Rules, 1950 as applicable, shall be required to obtain a separate licence under this Act in respect of the same premises and activity, provided that: (a) the application for registration under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 shall contain such additional particulars as the Government may,by notification, prescribe, or the factory licence shall contain such additional particulars as the Government may,

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				by notification, prescribe, for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of this Act; (b) the fee payable under the relevant provisions of this Act shall be collected as part of the registration process under Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, or as part of the factory licensing process, as the case may be, and shall be remitted to the concerned Municipality in such manner as may be prescribed; and (c) the concerned Municipality shall be notified of the grant, amendment, or cancellation of such registration by such authority and within such time as may be prescribed under Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, or, for the purpose of a factory license, shall be notified of the grant, amendment, renewal, or cancellation of such license in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed.

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(2)	1957	3	The Odisha Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1956	(A) In Section 6-A, — (1) for sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely: — "(4) Every licence granted under sub-section (3) shall remain valid unless it is cancelled or suspended by the State Government under Section 6-B or under any other provision of this Act or the rules made thereunder."; and (2) in sub-section (5), the words "or renew" shall be omitted. (B) In Section 27,— (1) in sub-section (2), in clause (f), the words "or renewed" shall be omitted; and (2) in sub-section (3), the words "or renewed" shall be omitted.
(3)	1965	1	The Odisha Grama Panchayats Act, 1964	(A) In Section 55, in sub-section (1), — (1) clauses (a), (h) and (i) shall be omitted; (2) for clause (j), the following clause shall be substituted, namely: — '(j) manufacturing of soap, dyeing, or extraction, boiling or pressing of oil, involving commercial-scale operations or processes likely to

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				cause pollution, chemical discharge, hazardous waste, public nuisance, or risk to public health'; (3) for clause (k), the following clause shall be substituted, namely: — "(k) manufacturing of beedis"; (4) for clause (m), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:— "(m) operation of commercial brick kilns or other large-scale kilns for burning bricks, tiles, pottery, or lime, involving processes likely to cause air pollution, environmental degradation, public nuisance, or risk to public health"; (5) for clause (n), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:— "(n) keeping or operating a public halting place, Dharmasala, Sarai, Choultry or other rest house, hotel, restaurant, eating-house, coffee house, tea stall, boarding house or lodging house (other than a student's hostel under public or recognised control), subject to obtaining a Registration-*cum*-Sanitation Certificate from the Grama Panchayat"; (6) for clause (p), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:— "(p) keeping more than the prescribed number of sheep, goats, pigs, cattle, poultry, ducks

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				or other livestock in such manner as to cause, or be likely to cause, public nuisance, insanitary conditions, environmental pollution, or risk to animal or public health"; (7) for clause (r), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:— "(r) manufacturing of ice or aerated water, subject to registration with the Grama Panchayat in such manner and subject to such sanitation and public health conditions as may be prescribed"; (8) for clause (s), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:— "(s) selling of coke, coal or charcoal or other dangerously inflammable materials"; and (9) for clause (t), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:— "(t) carrying on wholesale trade in grain, groundnut, chillies or jaggery, or storing any such articles for the purpose of wholesale trade, subject to registration with the Grama Panchayat in such manner as may be prescribed.". (B) In Section 59, for the words, "renewed every year", the words "renewed every three years" shall be substituted.

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				(C) Section 87 and 88 shall be omitted.
(4)	2003	11	The Odisha Municipal Corporation Act, 2003	(A)In Section 240, after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:— "(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), no person shall be required to obtain a separate written permission of the Commissioner for erecting or displaying a name board or sign at the premises of their establishment, of such type, size, and specifications as the Government may, by notification, prescribe: Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to,— (a) hoardings, rooftop signs, or LED or digital displays in public premises of size, as may be prescribed; (b) any sign or name board proposed to be erected in any area within the jurisdiction of the Airports Authority of India or the National Highways Authority of India; or (c) any other category of sign or restricted area as the Government may, by notification, specify.". (B) For Section 415,including its marginal heading, the following section shall be substituted, namely: — 415. No person other than the Commissioner or a Corporation Officer or employees shall, without submitting a written intimation to the

"Street not to be opened or broken up and building materials not be deposited thereon without written intimation.

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				Commissioner in such form, with such documents, and with such fee as may be prescribed,— (a) open, break up, displace, take up or make any alteration in, or cause any injury to, the soil or pavement or any wall, fence, posts, chain or other materials or thing forming part of any street; or (b) deposit any building materials in any street; or (c) set up in any street any scaffold or any temporary erection for the purpose of any work whatsoever, or any posts, bars, rails, boards, or other things by way of enclosure, for the purpose of making mortar or depositing bricks, lime, rubbish or other materials: Provided that such intimation, upon submission, shall be deemed to be permission granted under this section, and an acknowledgment shall be issued to the applicant upon such submission, upon receipt whereof the applicant shall be entitled to commence work: Provided further that the Commissioner may, at any time, inspect the site and issue such directions as may be necessary

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				regarding execution, restoration, or public safety.”.
				(C) In Section 573, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: — “Provided that no separate permission under this section shall be required for establishing or operating a slaughterhouse where the applicant holds a valid Trade Licence issued under this Act.”.
				(D) In Section 617, after sub-section (9), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:— “(10) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, no person carrying or operating an establishment as defined under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, having registered under Section 3 of that Code or under any rules made thereunder or having Factory licence under the Odisha Factories Rules, 1950, as applicable, shall be required to obtain a separate licence under this section in respect of the same premises and activity, provided that: (a) the application for registration under Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, shall contain such

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				additional particulars as the Government may, by notification, prescribe, or the factory licence shall contain such additional particulars as the Government may, by notification, prescribe, for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of this section; (b) the fee payable under this section shall be collected as part of the registration process under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, or as part of the factory licensing process, as the case may be, and shall be remitted to the concerned Corporation in such manner as may be prescribed; and (c) the concerned Corporation shall be notified of the grant, amendment, or cancellation of such registration by such authority and within such time as may be prescribed under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, or, for the purpose of a factory licence, shall be notified of the grant, amendment, renewal, or cancellation of such licence in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed.

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				The registration certificate or factory licence so issued shall, for all purposes of this Act, be deemed to be a licence granted under this section.".
(5)	2007	8	The Odisha Urban Police Act, 2003	(A)In Section 28,—
(A)				(1) in sub-section (1), in clause (xxvi), the words "written" shall be omitted; and
				(2) after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:— "(4) Any licence, permission or certificate of registration required to be obtained under this section shall be granted through a single-window system in electronic form within such period as may be prescribed.".

By Order of the Governor

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