

# **Pathfinder Network**

# Technical specifications for Use Case 001: PCF Data Exchange

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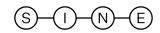
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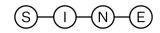






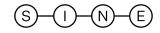
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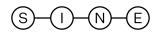
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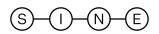
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# Introduction

This section is non-normative.

This document is the first specification in the context of the Pathfinder Network. It contains technical specifications to enable the exchange of standardized greenhouse gas (GHG) data at product level across interoperable technology solutions (i.e., the Use Case 001).

This Use Case 001 document specifies a <u>data model</u> and an <u>HTTP REST API</u> for the interoperable exchange of <u>product footprint</u> information with a special focus on <u>product carbon footprints</u> (PCF) between independent <u>solutions</u>. It further specifies rules for <u>conformance</u> of <u>host systems</u>, the <u>digital representation of product footprints</u> and related data <u>data life cycle rules</u>.

The semantic foundation of the data model is the <u>Pathfinder Framework Version 1</u>. Developer resources can be found at the <u>Use Case 001 repository</u>.

# Scope

The scope of this document and the feature coverage of the HTTP REST API is *intentionally minimal by design*. This document will be revised and additional use cases specified at a later stage, building on these specifications. The scope may be extended in future versions, for example to include services.

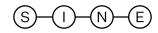
## **Intended Audience**

This document is for

- software developers who want to build software for the exchange of product footprints according to the Pathfinder Framework;
- auditors and sustainability experts who want to understand the data semantics of product footprints or how they are exchanged between partners; and
- anyone that wants to understand more about the technological foundations of the Pathfinder Network.

All parties are encouraged to review the technical specifications, inform the Partnership for Carbon Transparency (PACT), and SINE Foundation of any feedback (pact@wbcsd.org), and implement their own interoperable solutions.





#### About PACT and the Pathfinder Network

The Pathfinder Network is a concept developed by PACT and powered by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). PACT is working toward the vision of an open and global network of interoperable solutions for the secure peer-to-peer exchange of accurate, primary and verified product emissions data – across all industries and value chains.

For further information, please refer to the PACT website <a href="www.carbon-transparency.com">www.carbon-transparency.com</a> and the <a href="Pathfinder vision paper">Pathfinder vision paper</a> "Pathfinder Network: Enabling standardized emissions data exchange".

## Disclaimer

This document is published as a version 1, acknowledging that additions or adjustments may be necessary (e.g., following an update of the Pathfinder Framework later this year). We will do our best to ensure updates do not create compatibility concerns, though we cannot exclude this possibility completely. While PACT encourages the implementation of the technical specifications by all entities to start creating a harmonized system, neither PACT, WBCSD, nor any other individuals who contributed to the development of this document assume responsibility for any consequences or damages resulting directly or indirectly from the use of this document.

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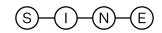
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## License

The license can be found in the Appendix.





# **Terminology**

Data recipient

The Supply Chain Actor (SCA) requesting and/or receiving PCF data from another SCA.

Data owner

The SCA sharing/being asked to share PCF data with another SCA.

Host System

See Host System

Interoperability

Interoperability has technical and non-technical aspects. Throughout this document the following understanding is assumed

- 1. Technical Interoperability: interoperability at the data and functional level
- 2. Semantic Interoperability: interoperability at the level of meaning and value exchanged
- 3. Organizational Interoperability: interoperability at the level of business processes required for data and value exchanged

#### GHG - Greenhouse Gas (emissions)

Gaseous constituents of the atmosphere, both natural and anthropogenic, that absorb and emit radiation at specific wavelengths within the spectrum of infrared radiation emitted by the Earth's surface, its atmosphere and clouds. GHGs include CDCO<sub>2</sub>, Methane (CH4), Nitrous Oxide(N<sub>2</sub>O), Hydrofluoro-Carbons (HFCs), Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6).

Methodology (Pathfinder Framework)

Guidance for the Accounting and Exchange of Product Life Cycle Emissions, building on existing standards and protocols, such as the GHG Protocol Product standard). See the Pathfinder Framework Version 1 for details.

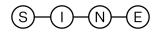
Pathfinder Network

An information network of and for supply chain actors to securely exchange environmental data with each other, with an initial focus on PCF data.

#### PCF – Product Carbon Footprint

The carbon (equivalent) emissions relating to a product. Products can be any kind of item exchanged between entities, including "pieces", metric or volumetric quantities of a product, etc.





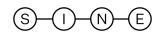
## SCA - Supply Chain Actor

An entity intending on exchanging PCF data with another entity using the technical means specified in this document.

#### SP – Solution Provider

An entity providing technical solutions to SCAs. In context of this document: software companies implementing the proposed interfaces to enable SCAs' interoperable exchange of information.





# Conformance

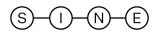
As well as sections marked as non-normative, all authoring guidelines, diagrams, examples, and notes in this specification are non-normative. Everything else in this specification is normative.

The key words MAY, MUST, MUST NOT, OPTIONAL, RECOMMENDED, REQUIRED, SHOULD, and SHOULD NOT in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

A conforming host system is any algorithm realized as software and/or hardware that complies with the relevant normative statements in <u>Use Case 001 HTTP REST API Version 1.0.0</u>.

A conforming requesting data recipient is any algorithm realized as software and/or hardware that complies with the relevant normative statements in <u>Use Case 001 HTTP REST API Version 1.0.0</u>.





# **Data Model**

Non-normative: This section specifies a data model for product footprints following the Pathfinder Framework guidelines<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, this section specifies the data model representation in JavaScript Object Notation (JSON).

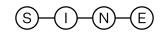
# Data Type: ProductFootprint

Normative: Each ProductFootprint represents the carbon footprint of a product with values in accordance with the Pathfinder Framework.

Non-normative: Each ProductFootprint relates to a specific product, identified by 1 or more product identifiers. The data type ProductFootprint is modeled as a multi purpose container for product-specific factors.

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# **Properties**

Normative: a ProductFootprint has the following properties:

Property ID	Data Type	Mandatory
<u>id</u>	<u>Pfld</u>	yes
specVersion	SpecVersionString	yes
version	VersionInteger	yes
created	<u>DateTime</u>	yes
updated	<u>DateTime</u>	no
<u>companyName</u>	NonEmptyString	yes
companylds	CompanyldSet	yes
productDescription	String	yes
productids	ProductIdSet	yes
productCategoryCpc	<u>CpcCode</u>	yes
productNameCompany	NonEmptyString	yes
comment	String	yes
pcf	CarbonFootprint	yes

Property "id"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property id with value the product footprint identifier.

Property "specVersion"

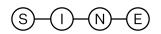
A ProductFootprint MUST include the property specVersion with value the version of the ProductFootprint data specification. The value of specVersion MUST be 1.0.0.

Note: subsequent revisions of the ProductFootprint data specification will update this value according to the rules of <u>Semantic Versioning 2.0.0</u>.

Property "version"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property version with value a VersionInteger.





#### Property "created"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property created with value the timestamp of the creation of the ProductFootprint.

#### Property "updated"

A ProductFootprint SHOULD include the property updated with value the timestamp of the ProductFootprint update. A ProductFootprint MUST NOT include this property if an update has never been performed. The timestamp MUST be in UTC.

## Property "companyName"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property companyName with value the name of the company that is the ProductFootprint Data Owner.

#### Property "companylds"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property companyIds with value the non-empty set of Uniform Resource Names (URN)<sup>2</sup>. Each value of this set is supposed to uniquely identify the ProductFootprint Data Owner.

#### Property "productDescription"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property productDescription with value the free-form description of the product plus other information related to it such as production technology or packaging.

#### Property "productIds"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property productIds with value the non-empty set of <u>ProductIds</u>. Each of the values in the set is supposed to uniquely identify the product. What constitutes a suitable product identifier depends on the product, the conventions, contracts, and agreements between the Data Owner and a Data Recipient and is out of the scope of this specification.

#### Property "productCategoryCpc"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property productCategoryCpc with value a UN Product Classification Code (CPC)<sup>3</sup> that the given product belongs to.

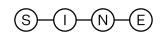
#### Property "productNameCompany"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property productNameCompany with value the trade name of the product.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform Resource Name

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Econ/CPC.cshtml





## Property "comment"

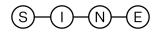
A ProductFootprint MUST include the property comment with value the additional information related to the product footprint.

Whereas the property productDescription contains product-level information, the property comment SHOULD be used for information and instructions related to the calculation of the footprint, or other information which informs the ability to interpret, to audit or to verify the Product Footprint.

## Property "pcf"

A ProductFootprint MUST include the property pcf with value conforming to the data type CarbonFootprint.





# Data Type: CarbonFootprint

A CarbonFootprint represents the carbon footprint of a product and related data in accordance with the Pathfinder Framework.

## Scope of a CarbonFootprint

Each CarbonFootprint is scoped by

- Time: the time is defined by property reportingPeriodStart (including) and property reportingPeriodEnd (excluding); see the Pathfinder Framework Section 7.2.1
- 2. Geography: further set by the properties <code>geographyRegionOrSubregion</code>, <code>geographyCountry</code>, and <code>geographyCountrySubdivision</code>; see the Pathfinder Framework Section 7.2.2.

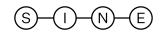
#### If a CarbonFootprint

- a) Has geographical granularity Global, then the properties geographyCountry and geographyRegionOrSubregion and geographyCountrySubdivision MUST be undefined:
- b) Has a regional or sub-regional geographical granularity, then the property geographyRegionOrSubregion MUST be defined and the properties geographyCountry and geographyCountrySubdivision MUST be undefined;
- c) Has a country-specific geographical granularity, then property geographyCountry MUST be defined AND the properties geographyRegionOrSubregion and geographyCountrySubdivision MUST be undefined;
- d) Has a country subdivision-specific geographical granularity, then property geographyCountrySubdivision MUST be defined AND the properties geographyRegionOrSubregion and geographyCountry MUST be undefined.

A tabular overview of the relationship between the geographic scope and the definedness or undefinedness of properties is given in the following table:

Geographical Granularity / Level of aggregation	Property geographyRegion OrSubregion	<b>Property</b> geographyCountry	Property geographyCountr ySubdivision
Global	undefined	undefined	undefined
Regional or Subregional	defined	undefined	undefined
Country	undefined	defined	undefined





Subdivision	undefined	undefined	<u>defined</u>	

## **Properties**

A CarbonFootprint has the following properties:

Property	Data Type	Mandatory
declaredUnit	<u>DeclaredUnit</u>	yes
unitaryProductAmount	<u>StrictlyPositiveDecimal</u>	yes
<u>fossilGhgEmissions</u>	<u>PositiveDecimal</u>	yes
<u>biogenicEmissions</u>	<u>BiogenicEmissions</u>	no
biogenicCarbonContent	<u>PositiveDecimal</u>	yes
<u>reportingPeriodStart</u>	<u>DateTime</u>	yes
<u>reportingPeriodEnd</u>	<u>DateTime</u>	yes
geographyCountrySubdivision	NonEmptyString	(see Scope)
geographyCountry	ISO3166CC	(see Scope)
geographyRegionOrSubregion	NonEmptyString	(see <u>Scope</u> )
primaryDataShare	Percent	yes
<u>emissionFactorSources</u>	EmissionFactorDSSet	no
<u>boundaryProcessesDescription</u>	String	no
<u>crossSectoralStandardsUsed</u>	<u>CrossSectoralStandardSet</u>	yes
<u>productOrSectorSpecificRules</u>	<u>ProductOrSectorSpecificRuleSet</u>	yes
allocationRulesDescription	String	no

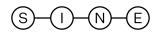
## Property "declaredUnit"

A CarbonFootprint MUST include the property  ${\tt declaredUnit}$  with value the unit of analysis of the product. See Data Type  ${\tt DeclaredUnit}$  for further information.

## Property "unitaryProductAmount"

A CarbonFootprint MUST include the property unitaryProductAmount with value the amount of units contained within the product the PCF is referring to.





## Property "reportingPeriodStart"

A CarbonFootprint MUST include the property reportingPeriodStart with value the start of the reporting period. See the Pathfinder Framework Section 7.2.1.

For further information on time representation, see the definition of data type <u>DateTime</u>.

Property "reportingPeriodEnd"

A CarbonFootprint MUST include the property reportingPeriodEnd with value the end (excluding) of the reporting period. See the Pathfinder Framework Section 7.2.1.

For further information on time representation, see the definition of data type <u>DateTime</u>.

Property "geographyCountrySubdivision"

The property <code>geographyCountrySubdivision</code> is optional. If defined, the value MUST be an ISO 3166-2 Subdivision Code. Property <code>geographyCountrySubdivision</code> MUST NOT be defined if property <code>geographyRegionOrSubregion</code> is defined or property <code>geographyCountry</code> is defined.

See the scope of a CarbonFootprint for further details.

#### Example values:

- US-NY (the State of New York in the United States of America)
- FR-89 (the department Yonne in France)

Property "geographyCountry"

The property <code>geographyCountry</code> is optional. If defined, the value MUST conform to data type <code>ISO3166CC</code>. Property <code>geographyCountry</code> MUST NOT be defined if property <code>geographyRegionOrSubregion</code> is defined or if property <code>geographyCountrySubdivision</code> is defined.

See the scope of a CarbonFootprint for further details.

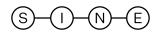
Example value: FR (in case the geography scope is France)

Property "geographyRegionOrSubregion"

The property <code>geographyRegionOrSubregion</code> is optional. If defined, the value must be one of the following:

- a) Africa for the **UN** geographic region Africa
- b) Americas for the UN geographic region Americas





- c) Asia for the UN geographic region Asia
- d) Europe for the UN geographic region Europe
- e) Oceania for the UN geographic region Oceania
- f) Australia and New Zealand for the <u>UN geographic subregion</u> Australia and New Zealand
- g) Central Asia for the UN geographic subregion Central Asia
- h) Eastern Asia for the UN geographic subregion Eastern Asia
- i) Eastern Europe for the UN geographic subregion Eastern Europe
- j) Latin America and the Caribbean for the UN geographic subregion Latin America and the Caribbean
- k) Melanesia for the UN geographic subregion Melanesia
- I) Micronesia for the UN geographic subregion Micronesia
- m) Northern Africa for the UN geographic subregion Northern Africa
- n) Northern America for the UN geographic subregion Northern America
- o) Northern Europe for the UN geographic subregion Northern Europe
- p) Polynesia for the UN geographic subregion Polynesia
- q) South-eastern Asia for the UN geographic subregion South-eastern Asia
- r) Southern Asia for the UN geographic subregion Southern Asia
- s) Southern Europe for the UN geographic subregion Southern Europe
- t) Sub-Saharan Africa for the UN geographic subregion Sub-Saharan Africa
- u) Western Asia for the UN geographic subregion Western Asia
- v) Western Europe for the UN geographic subregion Western Europe

The property <code>geographyRegionOrSubregion</code> MUST NOT be defined if property the property <code>geographyCountry</code> is defined or if the property <code>geographyCountrySubdivision</code> is defined.

See the <u>scope of a CarbonFootprint</u> for further details. Additionally, see the Pathfinder Framework Section 7.2.2.

Note: The set of region identifiers will likely change in future revisions. It is recommended to account for this when implementing the validation of this property.

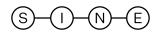
#### Property "primaryDataShare"

A CarbonFootprint MUST include the property primaryDataShare with value the share of primary data. See the Pathfinder Framework Section 7.2.3.

#### Property "emissionFactorSources"

The property emissionFactorSources is optional. If secondary data was used to calculate the CarbonFootprint, then it MUST include the property emissionFactorSources with value





the emission factors used for the CarbonFootprint calculation (see the Pathfinder Framework Section 6.2).

If no secondary data is used, this property MUST BE undefined.

Property "boundaryProcessesDescription"

The property boundaryProcessesDescription is optional. If present, the value MUST be the processes attributable to each lifecycle stage. If no such description is available or otherwise provided, then this property MUST NOT be included.

Example value: Electricity consumption included as an input in the production phase'

Property "crossSectoralStandardsUsed"

A CarbonFootprint MUST include the property <code>crossSectoralStandardsUsed</code> with value conforming to data type <a href="CrossSectoralStandardSet">CrossSectoralStandardSet</a>. The property <code>crossSectoralStandardsUsed</code> discloses the cross-sectoral standards applied for calculating or allocating GHG emissions.

Property "productOrSectorSpecificRules"

A CarbonFootprint MUST include the property <code>productSpecificRules</code> with value the <u>set</u> of values conforming to data type <a href="ProductOrSectorSpecificRule">ProductOrSectorSpecificRule</a>. The property <code>productSpecificRules</code> discloses the product-specific or sector-specific rules applied for calculating or allocating GHG emissions (e.g., PCRs). If no product or sector specific rules were followed, this set must be empty.

See data type <u>ProductOrSectorSpecificRuleSet</u> for further information. See the Pathfinder Framework Section 7.1 and Section 8.3.2.

Property "allocationRulesDescription"

The property allocationRulesDescription is optional. If present, the value MUST be the description of the allocation rules applied.

Property "fossilGhgEmissions"

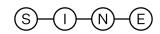
A CarbonFootprint MUST include the property <code>fossilGhgEmissions</code> with value the emissions from the combustion of fossil sources. The value of property <code>fossilGhgEmissions</code> MUST be calculated per declared unit with unit <code>kg of CO2 equivalent per kilogram</code> (kgCO2e / kg). The emissions value MUST be a decimal equal to or greater than zero.

See the Pathfinder Framework for calculation methodology.

Property "biogenicCarbonContent"

A CarbonFootprint MUST include the property biogenicCarbonContent with value the





mass of biogenic carbon per given <u>unit of exchange</u> (see the Pathfinder Framework Version 1), expressed as a decimal equal to or greater than zero with unit kg CO2eq per declared unit.

Property "biogenicEmissions"

The property biogenicEmissions is optional. If present, the value MUST be the biogenic emission factors conforming to data type <u>BiogenicEmissions</u>.

Note: This property will be revised once the GHG Protocol FLAG Standard is published.

# Data Type: EmissionFactorDSSet

A set of Emission Factor Data Sources (EmissionFactorDS) of size 1 or larger.

## JSON Data Representation

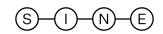
As an array of objects, with each object conforming to the JSON representation of EmissionFactorDS.

# Data Type: EmissionFactorDS

An EmissionFactorDS references emission factor databases accepted under Version 1 of the Pathfinder Framework (see the Pathfinder Framework Section 6.2).

Note: Version 2 of the Pathfinder Framework will extend the coverage of emission factors data sources. This specification will reflect upcoming changes in future versions.





## **Properties**

Property	Data Type	Mandatory
name	NonEmptyString	yes
version	NonEmptyString	yes

## Property "name"

Each EmissionFactorDS MUST include the property name with value the name of the emission factor database.

#### Property "version"

Each EmissionFactorDS MUST include the property version with value the version of the emission factor database used.

# JSON Representation

Each EmissionFactorDS MUST be encoded as a JSON object.

# Data Type: BiogenicEmissions

BiogenicEmissions contains biogenic emission values according to the GHG Protocol FLAG Standard.

# **Properties**

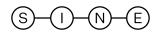
Property	Data Type	Mandatory
landUseEmissions	<u>Decimal</u>	no
landUseChangeEmissions	<u>Decimal</u>	no
otherEmissions	<u>Decimal</u>	no

If BiogenicEmissions is defined, at least one property MUST be defined.

## Property "landUseEmissions"

The property landUseEmissions is optional. If present, the value MUST be the land use emissions (e.g. cultural practice) as a decimal number equal to, greater or lower than zero.





#### Property "landUseChangeEmissions"

The property landUseChangeEmissions is optional. If present, the value MUST be the land use change emissions (e.g. due to deforestation) as a decimal number equal to, greater or lower than zero. This value must include direct land use change (dLUC) where available, otherwise statistical land use change (sLUC) can be used. If available, including indirect land use change (iLUC) to remain optional.

## Property "otherEmissions"

The property otherEmissions is optional. If present, the value MUST be the other emissions (e.g. biogenic waste treatment) as a decimal number equal to, greater or lower than zero.

## **JSON** Representation

Each BiogenicEmissions MUST be encoded as a JSON object.

# Data Type: CrossSectoralStandard

CrossSectoralStandard is the enumeration of accounting standards used for product carbon footprint calculation. Valid values are

- 1. GHG Protocol Product standard for the GHG Protocol Product standard
- 2. ISO Standard 14067 for ISO Standard 14067
- 3. ISO Standard 14044 for ISO Standard 14044

# JSON Representation

Each CrossSectoralStandard MUST be encoded as a JSON string.

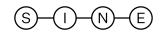
# Data Type: CrossSectoralStandardSet

A set of CrossSectoralStandards.

# JSON Data Representation

As an array of objects, with each object conforming to the JSON representation of CrossSectoralStandard.





# Data Type: ProductOrSectorSpecificRule

A ProductOrSectorSpecificRule refers to a set of product or sector specific rules published by a specific operator and applied during product carbon footprint calculation.

Property	Data Type	Mandatory
<u>operator</u>	ProductOrSectorSpecificRule Operator	yes
ruleNames	NonEmptyStringVector	yes
<u>otherOperatorName</u>	NonEmptyString	no

## **Properties**

Property "operator"

A ProductOrSectorSpecificRule MUST include the property operator with the value conforming to data type <u>ProductOrSectorSpecificRuleOperator</u>.

Property "ruleNames"

A ProductOrSectorSpecificRule MUST include the property ruleNames with value the non-empty set of rules applied from the specified <u>operator</u>.

Property "otherOperatorName"

If the value of property operator is Other, a ProductOrSectorSpecificRule MUST include the property otherOperatorName with value the name of the operator. In this case, the operator declared MUST NOT be included in the definition of <a href="ProductOrSectorSpecificRuleOperator">ProductOrSectorSpecificRuleOperator</a>.

If the value of property operator is NOT Other, the property otherOperatorName of the ProductOrSectorSpecificRule MUST be undefined.

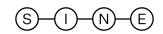
# JSON Representation

Each ProductOrSectorSpecificRule MUST be encoded as a JSON object.

# Data Type: ProductOrSectorSpecificRuleSet

A set of <u>ProductOrSectorSpecificRule</u> of size 0 or larger.





## JSON Representation

Each ProductOrSectorSpecificRuleSet MUST be encoded as an array of JSON objects, with each object conforming to the JSON representation of ProductOrSectorSpecificRule.

# Data Type: ProductOrSectorSpecificRuleOperator

A <u>ProductOrSectorSpecificRuleOperator</u> is the enumeration of PCR operators. Valid values are:

- PEF for EU / PEF Methodology PCRs
- EPD International for PCRs authored or published by EPD International
- Other for a PCR not published by the operators mentioned above

## **JSON** Representation

Each value is encoded as a JSON String.

# Data Type: NonEmptyStringVector

A list of NonEmptyString of length 1 or greater.

## **JSON** Representation

Each NonEmptyStringVector MUST be encoded as an array of NonEmptyStrings.

# Data Type: CpcCode

A CpCode represents a UN CPC Code version 2.14 value.

Example value: 31230 (the CPC code for "wood in chips or particles")

# **JSON Representation**

Each CpcCode MUST be encoded as a JSON String.

# Data Type: SpecVersionString

A String matching a dotted version pattern, given as the regular expression:  $\d+\.\d+\.\d+$ 

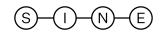
Example value: 1.2.3

# JSON Representation

Each SpecVersionString MUST be encoded as a JSON String.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Econ/CPC.cshtml





# Data Type: VersionInteger

An integer in the inclusive range of  $0..2^{31}-1$ .

## JSON Data Representation

Each VersionInteger MUST be encoded as a number.

# Data Type: DeclaredUnit

DeclaredUnit is the enumeration of accepted declared units with values

- 1. liter for unit liter
- 2. kilogram for unit kilogram
- 3. cubic meter for cubic meter
- 4. kilowatt hour for kilowatt hour
- 5. megajoule for megajoule
- 6. ton kilometer for ton kilometer
- 7. square meter for square meter

## JSON Data Representation

The value of each DeclaredUnit MUST be encoded as a JSON String.

# Data Type: NonEmptyString

A String with 1 or more characters.

# JSON Data Representation

Each NonEmptyString MUST be encoded as a JSON String.

# Data Type: CompanyIdSet

A set of <u>URN</u>s of length 1 or greater.

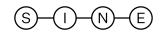
# JSON Data Representation

Each CompanyIdSet MUST be encoded as an array of strings.

# Data Type: ProductIdSet

A set of **ProductIds** of size 1 or larger.





## JSON Data Representation

Each ProductIdSet MUST be encoded as an array of strings.

# Data Type: ProductId

Each ProductId MUST be a valid URN.

The namespace of each ProductId SHOULD be included in the <u>Official IANA Registry of URN Namespaces</u>.

# Data Type URN

A String conforming to the URN syntax as specified in RFC 2141.

## JSON Data Representation

Each URN string MUST be encoded as a JSON String.

# Data Type: String

A regular UTF-8 String.

# JSON Data Representation

Each String MUST be encoded as a JSON String.

# Data Type: Percent

A Decimal number in the range of and including 0 and 100.

#### Example values:

- 100
- 23.0
- 7.183924
- 0.0

# JSON Data Representation

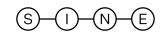
Each Percent MUST be encoded in <u>IEEE-754</u> <u>double-precision floating-point format</u> as a JSON number.

# Data Type: StrictlyPositiveDecimal

A positive, non-zero Decimal.

Example values:





- 0.123
- 100
- 42.102340

## **JSON Data Representation**

See the JSON Representation of Decimal.

# Data Type: DateTime

Each DateTime MUST be a date and time string conforming to ISO 8601. The timezone MUST be UTC.

Example value: 2020-03-01T00:00:00Z (i.e. beginning of March, the year 2020, UTC)

## JSON Data Representation

Each DateTime MUST be encoded as a JSON String.

# Data Type: ISO3166CC

An ISO 3166-2 alpha-2 country code.

# JSON Data Representation

Each ISO3166CC MUST be encoded as a JSON String.

# Data Type: PositiveDecimal

A <u>Decimal</u> that is equal to or greater than zero.

Example values:

- 0
- 42.12
- 3

# JSON Data Representation

See the JSON representation of <u>Decimal</u>.

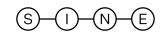
# Data Type: Decimal

A dotted-decimal number.

Example values:

- 10





- 42.12
- -182.84

## JSON Data Representation

Each Decimal MUST be encoded as a JSON String.

# Data Type: Boolean

A boolean value (true, false).

# JSON Data Representation

Each Boolean MUST be encoded as a JSON boolean.

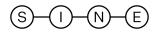
# Data Type: Pfld

A Pfld is a ProductFootprint identifier. It MUST be a UUID v4 as specified in RFC 4122.

# **JSON** Representation

Each Pfld MUST be encoded as a JSON String.





# **Product Footprint Lifecycle**

## Introduction

This section is non-normative.

A <u>Product Footprint</u> can be updated, for instance to incorporate a change in upstream carbon emission factors or to correct errors.

The purpose of this section is to clarify what constitutes an occasion for an update (<u>Definition of Update</u>) and to specify which kinds of changes (<u>Life cycle rules</u>) to a <u>Product Footprint</u> must be applied in such a case.

# Definition of update

A Product Footprint update SHOULD be limited to correct reported values.

A Product Footprint update SHOULD be done whenever the value of 1 or more properties of the Product Footprint change which could directly or indirectly affect the Product Footprint calculation or interpretation by data recipients of the Product Footprint.

A Product Footprint update MUST NOT occur to change the <u>reporting period</u>. For this case, a data owner MUST create a Product Footprint with a new Product Footprint identifier.

A Product Footprint update MUST NOT change the Product Footprint identifier.

# Data life cycle rules

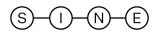
A Product Footprint CAN be updated by a data owner.

A Product Footprint update MUST include 1 or more changes to a property, excluding changes to properties <u>version</u> and <u>updated</u>. A change to a property includes a transition to or from being undefined.

Whenever a data owner or a host system updates a Product Footprint according to the Definition of update,

- a) it MUST set the value of property version to be by *strictly greater* than the value of property version of all preceding footprints, and
- b) it SHOULD set the value of property updated to the timestamp of the update. The value SHOULD be *strictly greater* than the value of property updated of all preceding Product Footprints.





# Use Case 001 HTTP REST API Version 1.0.0

## Introduction

This section is non-normative.

Use Case 001 defines foundations for the interoperable exchange of Product Footprint data between host systems.

This version 1.0.0 release is the first publication towards this goal. *Intentionally, the scope of the specifications is minimal* in order to collect market feedback and to incorporate this in future revisions.

# **Host System**

A host system serves the needs of a single or multiple data owners. Additionally, a host system can also serve the needs of data recipients if it retrieves data from host systems by calling the Use Case 001 HTTP REST API.

Interoperable data exchange between a data owner and a data recipient can be achieved by

- a) the data owner offering ProductFootprint data through a host system that <u>conforms</u> to the Use Case 001 HTTP REST API and
- b) the data recipient making <u>authenticated calls</u> to retrieve ProductFootprint data; e.g. by calling the <u>Action ListFootprints</u>.

# Out of scope of Use Case 001

This section is non-normative.

This standard focuses on the necessary definitions to enable interoperable data exchange between data owners and data recipients. This is mediated through a host system which implements the HTTP REST API defined in this document.

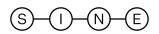
Within the PACT Project, conforming host systems are called *solutions*.

Solutions add further functionality on top of this standard in order to enable meaningful and interoperable data exchanges.

The following section briefly describes some of the additional functionality which is <u>beyond</u> the scope of this document:

a) Footprint calculation according to the Pathfinder Framework





- b) Authentication and access management: the act of deciding and setting which product footprint may be accessed by each data recipient
- c) Credentials management: the overall functionality to generate access credentials for data recipients, to exchange these credentials with data recipients, to rotate or revoke such credentials, etc.
- d) Logging: creation and storage of access logs and audit trails related to data exchange, authentication processes, etc.

A note on data synchronization between Host Systems

This section is non-normative.

The data flow specified in this document is directed.

To give an example: in a supplier-vendor relationship, the supplier is the data owner and the customer the data recipient. The data owner has the responsibility to run a host system / solution and the data recipient may then retrieve the data through the data owner's host system.

If a data owner has updated a product footprint, it is assumed that the product footprint is made available through the Use Case 001 HTTP REST API as soon as possible.

Additionally, each product footprint returned from a host system has properties to disclose whether a product footprint was updated. These properties are: created, updated, version. By comparing the value of these properties for a fixed product footprint, identified by its id (Property id), solutions can determine whether and which product footprint has been updated.

Note: in future versions, the functionality for data exchange between host systems and capabilities to synchronize data will be specified and developed further.

# Authentication and Request Flows

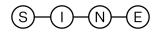
Data recipients MUST first retrieve an access token through action Authenticate. Only if this has succeeded, they may perform actions such as ListFootprints or GetFootprint. When executing these actions, they MUST provide their access token.

Access tokens SHOULD expire. In this case, data recipients MUST retrieve a new access token through action Authenticate.

# Actions reference

A host system MUST implement each of the following actions. A host system MUST offer the actions under https method only.





A host system MAY offer the endpoints under a relative subpath. A host system MUST offer the actions ListFootprints and GetFootprint under the same Hostname and Subpath.

Example: The host system's DNS domain name is <code>example.org</code> and the subpath is /wbcsd whereas the ID management system uses a different domain and subpath. The Action URIs would then be:

- for Authenticate: https://id.example.org/auth/token
- for ListFootprints: https://example.org/wbcsd/0/footprints
- etc.

#### **Action Authenticate**

Request an access token using client credentials.

Host systems MUST implement this action in conformity with RFC 6749 Section 4.4.

Host systems MAY offer this action under a AuthHostname and AuthSubpath dedicated for the purpose of creating an authentication token, for instance when a company is using a centralized identity management system.

```
Request syntax (HTTP/1.1)
```

```
POST AuthSubpath/auth/token HTTP/1.1
host: AuthHostname
accept: application/json
content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
authorization: Basic BasicAuth
content-length: ContentLength
content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
```

#### Body

#### Request parameters:

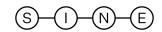
#### AuthSubpath

If a host system uses a relative subpath dedicated to the purpose of creating an authentication token, then the requesting data recipient MUST prepend this subpath.

#### AuthHostname:

The requesting data recipient MUST use the domain name of the host system dedicated for the purpose of creating an authentication token.





#### BasicAuth

See RFC 6749 Section 4.4.2

#### Body

See RFC 6749 Section 4.4

#### ContentLength:

The length of the Body. See RFC 2616.

## Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

content-type: application/json
content-length: ContentLength

#### Body

## Response Parameters:

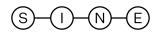
#### ContentLength:

The length of the Body. See RFC 2616.

#### Body

The Body MUST be a JSON Object conforming to RFC 6749 Section 4.4. The value of property access\_token is the access token.





# Action ListFootprints

Lists product footprints with optional filtering by property created or updated.

Host systems SHOULD implement an access management system and only return the product footprints for which the data owner granted access to the requesting data recipient.

Request Syntax (HTTP/1.1)

```
GET Subpath/0/footprints?Filter HTTP/1.1
Host: Hostname
authorization: Bearer BearerToken
```

#### Request parameters:

#### Subpath:

If a host system uses a relative subpath, then the requesting data recipient MUST prepend this subpath.

#### Hostname

The requesting data recipient MUST use the domain name of the host system.

#### BearerToken:

The requisition data recipient MUST use as BearerToken the value of property access token of a response body from action Authenticate.

#### Filter

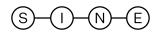
Filter is an optional request parameter. If defined, it must conform to the \$filter syntax as defined by the ODatav4 specification. A \$filter MUST only reference property created or property updated. The filter MUST specify filter operation ge.

#### Response syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 HttpStatusCode OK
content-type: application/json
content-length: ContentLength
```

#### **Body**





#### Response parameters:

#### HttpStatusCode:

If the host system accepts the access token, the HttpStatusCode MUST be 200. If the host system responds with an <u>error response</u>, the HttpStatusCode MUST match

the HTTP Status Code of the respective error response code.

If the host system does not return the list of ProductFootprints, it MUST return an error HTTP Status Code (4xx, 5xx).

#### ContentLength:

The length of the body. See RFC 2616.

#### Body:

If the host system accepts the access token, the body MUST be a JSON object with property data with value the list of <a href="ProductFootprint">ProductFootprint</a>s. The list MUST be encoded as a JSON array. If the list is empty, the host system MUST return an empty JSON array.

#### Additionally,

- a) if the request parameter Filter is defined against property updated, then only ProductFootprints with property updated defined and with a value equal to or greater than the timestamp given by the filter SHOULD be included in the Body; or
- b) if the filter is against property created, then only ProductFootprints with a creation time equal to or greater than the timestamp given by the filter SHOULD be included in the Body.

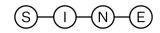
Example value of Filter: \$filter=updated ge 2020-03-01T00:00:00Z

If the host system does not accept the access token, the body MUST be an <u>error</u> response with code AccessDenied.

If the host system does not accept the access token because it expired, the body SHOULD be an error response with code TokenExpired.

In all other cases, for instance in case of a malformed value of the header authorization, the body SHOULD be an error response with code BadRequest.





## Example (HTTP/2)

#### Request

```
GET /0/footprints HTTP/2
Host: api.pathfinder.sine.dev
authorization: Bearer [BearerToken]
```

#### Response

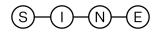
HTTP/2 200

date: Mon, 23 May 2022 19:33:16 GMT

content-type: application/json

content-length: 1831
server: Pathfinder





## **Action GetFootprint**

Retrieves product footprints.

Host systems SHOULD implement an access management system and only return the product footprints for which the data owner granted access to the requesting data recipient.

```
Request Syntax (HTTP/1.1)
```

```
GET Subpath/0/footprints/PfId HTTP/1.1 Host: Hostname authorization: Bearer BearerToken
```

#### Request Parameters:

#### Subpath

If a host system uses a relative subpath, then the requesting data recipient MUST prepend this subpath.

#### Hostname:

The requesting data recipient MUST use the domain name of the host system.

#### BearerToken:

The requesting data recipient MUST use as BearerToken the value of property access token of a response body from action Authenticate.

#### PfId:

The requesting data recipient MUST use as Pfld the <u>id</u> of a <u>product footprint</u> it intends to retrieve.

#### Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 HttpStatusCode OK
content-type: application/json
content-length: ContentLength
```

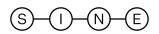
# Response Parameters:

#### HttpStatusCode:

**Body** 

If the host system accepts the access token, the HttpStatusCode MUST be 200.





If the host system responds with an <u>error response</u>, the HttpStatusCode MUST match the HTTP Status Code of the respective error response code.

If the host system does not return a ProductFootprint, the host system MUST return an error HTTP Status Code (4xx, 5xx).

#### ContentLength:

The length of the body. See RFC 2616.

#### Body:

If the host system accepts the access token and allows the requesting data recipient to access the ProductFootprint, the body MUST be a JSON object with property data. The value of property data MUST be the product footprint with footprint identifier PfId. If there were changes to the ProductFootprint with identifier PfId, the host system SHOULD return the latest ProductFootprint identified with identifier PfId and the maximum value of property version.

Note: If a host system implements the life cycle rules, then the "latest" version of a ProductFootprint is the one with the maximum value of version given a fixed **PfId**.

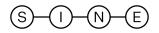
If the host system does not accept the access token, the body MUST be an <u>error</u> response with code AccessDenied.

If the host system does not accept the access token because it expired, the body SHOULD be an <u>error response</u> with code TokenExpired.

The host system MAY return an error response with code NoSuchFootprint.

In all other cases, for instance in case of a malformed value of the header authorization, the body SHOULD be an error response with code BadRequest.





## Example (HTTP/2)

#### Request

```
GET /0/footprints/7 HTTP/2
Host: api.pathfinder.sine.dev
authorization: Bearer BearerToken
```

#### Response

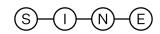
HTTP/2 200

date: Mon, 23 May 2022 20:23:22 GMT

content-type: application/json

content-length: 961
server: Pathfinder





# Error responses

When an action error occurs, the header information contains the following:

- Content-Type: application/json
- An appropriate 4xx or 5xx HTTP Status Code

The body of the error response contains information about the error. The host system MUST encode error responses as a JSON Object. The JSON object MUST have properties <code>code</code> and <code>message</code>. The table <code>list</code> of error codes lists the values for the property <code>code</code>.

```
Example error response:
{
    "code": "NoSuchFootprint",
    "message": "The footprint you requested does not exist"
}
```

#### List of error codes

The following table lists the error codes

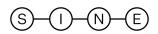
Error code	Description	HTTP status code
AccessDenied	Access denied	403
BadRequest	Bad Request	400
NoSuchFootprint	The specified footprint does not exist.	404
NotImplemented	The specified Action or header you provided implies functionality that is not implemented	400
TokenExpired	The specified access token has expired	401
InternalError	An internal or unexpected error has occurred	500

It is assumed that a host system uses as values for the property message the descriptions given in the <u>list of error codes</u> table. Host system implementations MAY choose different messages.

A requesting data recipient MUST use the code property and potentially also the HTTP Status Code to differentiate between the different errors.

A host system SHOULD conform to <u>RFC 6750 Section 3</u> when returning the error TokenExpired.





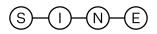
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#### 1. Definitions.

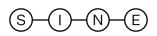
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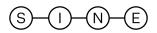
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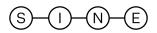
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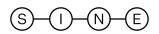
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