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## TITLE 250 - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

### CHAPTER 40 - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCE MARKETING

#### SUBCHAPTER 20 - MARKETING

PART 2 - Agricultural Liming Material Rules and Regulations

#### 2.1 Purpose

The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to regulate the sale of agricultural liming material in the State of Rhode Island.

#### 2.2 Authority

These regulations are promulgated pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 2-21 and 42-17.1, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in the R.I. Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35.

#### 2.3 Applicability

The terms and provisions of these Rules and Regulations shall be liberally construed to permit the Department to effectuate the purpose of state law, goals, and policies for the sale of agricultural liming material in the State of Rhode Island.

#### 2.4 Sieve Sizes Regarding Fineness

The Director shall be guided by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification for sieve sizes regarding fineness.

#### 2.5 Minimum Calcium Carbonate Equivalent

Agricultural Liming Materials shall be classified in terms of calcium carbonate as shown in Table 1.

#### 2.6 Table 1 - Agricultural Liming Materials

	Calcium Carbonate
Material	Equivalent (C.C.E.)
Burnt Lime	not less than 140

Hydrated lime	not less than 110
Limestone	not less than 80
Slag	not less than 80
Shells	not less than 80

Marl and some byproducts liming materials are used for neutralizing soil acidity, but due to their varying composition, their chemical limits are not included. In some economic circumstances limestone, slag, and shells of less than 80 percent C.C.E. may be used.

## **2.7 Severability**

If any provision of these Rules and Regulations, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of the Rules and Regulations shall not be affected thereby.