

## **TITLE 250 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

### **CHAPTER 40 – 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**

Material	Calcium Carbonate
	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 eighty percent (80%) 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.

## 2.8 Registration of Products

- A. All products that are required to be registered pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-21-6 shall be registered electronically through a web based application provided by the Department of Environmental Management.
- B. For those applicants unable to register online, paper registration forms shall be available upon request from the Division of Agriculture.