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Standard Specification for Agricultural Liming Materials¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers agricultural liming materials, such as quicklime (burnt lime), hydrated lime, limestone, (calcitic and dolomitic), marl, shells, and by-products including slag, and other materials.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

C25 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Limestone, Quicklime, and Hydrated Lime

C50 Practice for Sampling, Sample Preparation, Packaging, and Marking of Lime and Limestone Products

C110 Test Methods for Physical Testing of Quicklime, Hydrated Lime, and Limestone

C125 Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete Aggregates

C1271 Test Method for X-ray Spectrometric Analysis of Lime and Limestone

C1301 Test Method for Major and Trace Elements in Limestone and Lime by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP) and Atomic Absorption (AA)

D3176 Practice for Ultimate Analysis of Coal and Coke

E11 Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

3.1.1 *agricultural liming material*—a product whose calcium and magnesium compounds are capable of neutralizing soil acidity.

3.1.2 *air-cooled blast-furnace slag and granulated blast-furnace slag*—air-cooled blast-furnace slag and granulated blast furnace slag as defined in Terminology C125.

3.1.3 *calcium carbonate equivalent (C.C.E.)*—the acid-neutralizing capacity (of an agricultural liming material) of the material expressed as weight percent of calcium carbonate.

4. Chemical Classifications

4.1 Agricultural liming materials shall be classified in terms of calcium carbonate equivalent (C.C.E.), as shown in Table 1.

NOTE 1—Marl and some by-product 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 % C.C.E. may be used.

5. Sieve Analysis Classifications for Agricultural Limestone

5.1 Agricultural limestone shall be classified according to the minimum percentages passing the No. 8 (2.36-mm) and No. 60 (250- μ m) sieves conforming to Specification E11, as shown in Table 2.

NOTE 2—These classifications apply where the agricultural limestone is obtained by the normal crushing procedure and the product contains the fines of fracture. In some economic circumstances, coarser products are used. The No. 60 (250- μ m) sieve was selected because research has shown that this sieve gives a more accurate representation of the particle size distribution of most agricultural limestones presently produced than a finer or coarser sieve. The No. 8 (2.36-mm) sieve is used to control the upper limit on the amount of coarse limestone particles that may be in the product.

6. Sieve Analysis Classifications for Agricultural Slag

6.1 *Air-Cooled Blast-Furnace Slag*—Air-cooled blast-furnace slag shall be classified the same as agricultural limestone as shown in Section 5.

6.2 *Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag*—Granulated blast-furnace slag shall be classified in accordance with the minimum percentages passing the No. 8 (2.36-mm) and the No. 60 (250- μ m) sieves.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard