

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 3. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
DIVISION 4. PLANT INDUSTRY
CHAPTER 1. CHEMISTRY
SUBCHAPTER 1. FERTILIZING MATERIALS
ARTICLE 1. STANDARDS AND LABELING
ARTICLE 2. SAMPLES
ARTICLE 4. REGISTRATION
ARTICLE 6. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

SECTIONS AFFECTED

California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 3, Division 4, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, Articles 1, 2, 4, and 6, Sections 2303, 2309, 2315, 2317.5, 2320.4, and 2322.

UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS/PLAIN ENGLISH POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

No public hearing was requested or held.

Section 2303(i)(3) – The Department added a column heading specifying that the percentage figure refers to the minimum percent passing. This heading was added to provide improved clarification and explanation that the percentage represented from the sieve analysis is representative of the minimum amount of liming material passing through each specific sieve size.

The Department also added a row requiring a guaranteed analysis for the minimum percent passing 100 percent mesh sieve for bulk liming material. This was requested because finer liming material is directly correlated to better quality as it more easily reacts with soil. Both the lime score and 100 percent mesh figures are intended to provide California growers with additional information to assist them in determining the quality of liming materials that they may purchase and apply to their agricultural land.

The Department has elected to withdraw the proposed changes to section 2320.2 with the intent to amend at a future date.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

- Oregon State University Fertilizer Guide for Fertilizer and Lime Materials, FG 52, reprinted 1998, as revised June 1990.

It would be cumbersome and impractical to publish this document in the California Code of Regulations. The document was available upon request by the Department during the

course of this rulemaking.

ALTERNATIVES DETERMINATION

No alternative considered by the agency would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The proposed regulations do not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2022

No comments were received.

AVAILABILITY OF FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting Brittnie Williams at brittnie.williams@cdfa.ca.gov.