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RULE ADOPTIONS

**AGRICULTURE
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49 N.J.R. 3498(a)

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 2:70

Notice of Readoption

Agricultural Liming Materials

Authority: N.J.S.A. 4:9-21.1 et seq., specifically 4:9-21.11.

Authorized By: The State Board of Agriculture and Douglas H. Fisher, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

Effective Date: September 28, 2017.

New Expiration Date: September 28, 2024.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c, the rules at N.J.A.C. 2:70 were scheduled to expire on December 22, 2017.

The purpose of the rules is to protect farmers and consumers by determining the manufacturer's compliance with the guaranteed content of liming materials and to reduce the amount of misbranded and deficient products offered for sale, thereby insuring the quality and quantity of liming materials and promoting crop yield.

These rules set forth the standards to be met for product to be sold as agricultural limestone; the standards for burnt and hydrated limes; the Department and producer responsibilities for the collection and payment of inspection fees; and the composition and labeling requirements of oxides for calcium and magnesium oxides to be offered for sale in slurry or suspension form.

The Department of Agriculture has reviewed the rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted without amendment. The rules are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), the rules are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.