



# AIC Member Briefing

## Fertiliser

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### Liming Materials Designated As EU Fertilisers

**Liming materials are now to be included in the definitions of fertilisers under an amendment to the current EU fertiliser regulations 2003/2003 (Regulation (EU) No 463/2013 of 17 May 2013).**

**There is to be a one year transition period, with the regulations taking full effect on the 7th June 2014.**

Principal amongst the changes that the new revision brings, compared to the 1991 UK regulations, are that some coarse screened limestone grades are no longer considered to be effective, and are deemed out of scope; additionally, silicates are now also excluded from the EU regulations.

EU Declarations will now have to include the official 'type designation', total calcium and total magnesium content listed, in addition to the current requirement to state the neutralising value.

There is still no legal requirement to list the reactivity although it is now a voluntary option. ALA and AIC consider this to be a serious omission and will continue to lobby for its inclusion as it is our opinion that this information fundamentally assists in determining the agricultural efficacy of a product.

It is expected that these changes will be integrated into the UK 1991 Regulations, displacing the current categories. Products not included – i.e. 'silicates' will essentially remain unaffected, and may continue to be sold under the existing UK Regulations, at least until such time that any future full revision of the EU regulations should deem otherwise.

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