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Foreword

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Introduction

Regular liming for regulation of the pH value of the soil has a long tradition in agriculture. Liming has a neutralizing effect on the natural acidification of the soil and thus serves the maintenance of soil fertility.

The desired effects of liming are mainly:

- **physical:** Increased structure stability of the flocculation and porosity of mineral soils, leading to better drainage, structure stability of the soil and improved aeration of the soil.
- **chemical:** Positive influence on solubility of macro- and some micro-nutrients, a reduction in the availability of aluminium and other toxic elements in the soil and avoid aluminium toxicity.
- **biological:** general support of active soil organisms.

Existing European Standards specify methods for assessing the value of liming materials. It is also necessary to establish the principles to be used when calculating the amount of liming material required.

Throughout Europe, wide national and regional variations in soil type, climate and types of farming prohibit the general use of detailed and specific recommendations. The principles set out in this standard should be used by experts at a local level to establish lime requirement.

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