

**Quality Parameters for Perlite (RAL-GZ 250/5-3)**


Quality parameter	Range of values		
	0 - 3 mm	0 - 6 mm	2 - 6 mm
<b>1 Physical Properties</b>			
1.1 Particle size			
1.1.1 Fraction of undersize particles [m-%]			≤ 15
1.1.2 Fraction of oversize particles [m-%]	≤ 5	≤ 5	≤ 5
1.1.3 Fraction ≤ 3 mm [m-%]	≥ 95	≤ 85	≤ 75
1.1.4 Fraction ≤ 0,5 mm (fines fraction) [m-%]	≤ 15	≤ 15	≤ 5
1.2 Volume weight dry <sup>1)</sup> [g/l]	80	90	90
1.3 Volume weight moist [g/l]	to be analysed		
1.4 Impurities	none		
<b>2 Chemical Properties</b>			
2.1 pH value (CaCl <sub>2</sub> )	≤ 8.5		
2.2 Salinity (KCl) [g/l]	≤ 0.3		
alternativ: electrical conductivity [µs/cm]	≤ 100		
2.3 Soluble nutrients			
2.3.1 Nitrogen (NH <sub>4</sub> -N + NO <sub>3</sub> -N) [mg/l]	≤ 20		
2.3.2 Phosphorous (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) [mg/l]	≤ 20		
2.3.3 Potassium (K <sub>2</sub> O) [mg/l]	≤ 20		
2.4 Magnesium (Mg) [mg/l]	≤ 20		
2.5 Calcium (Ca) [mg/l]	≤ 20		
2.6 Sodium (Na) [mg/l]	≤ 20		
2.7 Chloride (Cl) [mg/l]	≤ 20		
2.8 Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ) [mg/l]	≤ 20		
2.9 Fluoride (F) [mg/l]	≤ 5		
2.10 Total content of heavy metals			
2.10.1 Arsenic (As) [mg/kg TM]	≤ 40		
2.10.2 Lead (Pb) [mg/kg TM]	≤ 150		
2.10.3 Cadmium (Cd) [mg/kg TM]	≤ 1,5		
2.10.4 Chromium (Cr) [mg/kg TM]	≤ 300		
2.10.5 Nickel (Ni) [mg/kg TM]	≤ 80		
2.10.6 Mercury (Hg) [mg/kg TM]	≤ 1		
2.10.7 Thallium (Tl) [mg/kg TM]	≤ 1		
<b>3 Biological Properties</b>			
3.1 Plant damaging substances	no plant damaging effect		

<sup>1)</sup> The values are to be adhered to with a tolerance of ± 20 %.

<sup>2)</sup> The specifications of the Fertiliser Ordinance are to be observed.