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European foreword

This document (EN 13108-3:2016) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 227 “Road materials”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2016, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2018.

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For relationship with Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, see informative Annex ZA which is an integral part of this document.

Compared with EN 13108-3:2006, the following changes have been made:

- a) possibility to define specific conditions in documents related to the application of the product;
- b) CPR reference and new Annex ZA according CPR rules.

This European Standard is one of a series as listed below:

- EN 13108-1, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 1: Asphalt Concrete*
- EN 13108-2, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 2: Asphalt Concrete for Very Thin Layers (BBTM)*
- EN 13108-3, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 3: Soft Asphalt*
- EN 13108-4, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 4: Hot Rolled Asphalt*
- EN 13108-5, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 5: Stone Mastic Asphalt*
- EN 13108-6, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 6: Mastic Asphalt*
- EN 13108-7, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 7: Porous Asphalt*
- EN 13108-8, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 8: Reclaimed Asphalt*
- EN 13108-9, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 9: Asphalt for Ultra-Thin Layer (AUTL)*
- EN 13108-20, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 20: Type Testing*
- EN 13108-21, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 21: Factory Production Control*

Annex A (normative) details the calculation of the viscosity, penetration or the softening point in mixtures containing reclaimed asphalt from the viscosity, penetrations or softening points of the added binder and the recovered binder from the reclaimed asphalt.

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Introduction

The aim of this European Standard is to enable specification of Soft Asphalt mixtures on a performance basis. In general, however, there are currently more empirical tests available to describe the mixtures. Depending on the experience with the combination of requirements in this European Standard more or less degrees of freedom for the producer may be given.

This European Standard covers a large variety of materials for different applications, traffic and climate conditions. EN 13108-3 gives properties and listings of possible categories. It has to accommodate the road industry for all of Europe. For this reason the menu approach for properties has been chosen. The tables represent categories that are required all over Europe. For this reason numerical values in tables do not always obey statistical rules. Based on conditions of use specific properties and categories may be defined in documents related to the application of the product. The categories defined in those documents need to take into account the reproducibility of the test when this is given in the appropriate test method.

Care should be taken to only select those tests which are relevant to the application of the Soft Asphalt and the use of the pavement and to avoid a combination of potentially conflicting requirements.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements for mixtures of the mix group Soft Asphalt for use on low volume roads and roads with low stability. Soft Asphalt is used for surface courses, regulating courses and bases in colder climates.

The mixtures of the mix group Soft Asphalt are produced on the basis of hot bitumen. Mixtures utilizing bitumen emulsion and bituminous materials based on *in situ* recycling are not covered by this standard.

This European Standard includes requirements for the selection of the constituent materials. It is designed to be read in conjunction with EN 13108-20 and EN 13108-21.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1097-6:2013, *Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates — Part 6: Determination of particle density and water absorption*

EN 1426, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Determination of needle penetration*

EN 1427, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Determination of the softening point — Ring and Ball method*

EN 12591, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Specifications for paving grade bitumens*

EN 12595, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Determination of kinematic viscosity*

EN 12596, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Determination of dynamic viscosity by vacuum capillary*

EN 12697-3, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 3: Bitumen recovery: Rotary evaporator*

EN 12697-4, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods — Part 4: Bitumen recovery: Fractionating column*

EN 12697-8, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 8: Determination of void characteristics of bituminous specimens*

EN 12697-12, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 12: Determination of the water sensitivity of bituminous specimens*

EN 12697-13, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 13: Temperature measurement*

EN 13043, *Aggregates for bituminous mixtures and surface treatments for roads, airfields and other trafficked areas*

EN 13108-8, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 8: Reclaimed asphalt*

EN 13108-20:2016, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 20: Type Testing*

EN 13108-21, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 21: Factory Production Control*

EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2009, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

EN ISO 11925-2, *Reaction to fire tests — Ignitability of products subjected to direct impingement of flame — Part 2: Single-flame source test (ISO 11925-2)*

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