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European foreword

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- a) Clause 1, Scope, has been revised and expanded;
- b) Clause 2, Normative references, has been updated;
- c) Clause 3, Terms and Definitions, has been added:
- d) Clause 4, Principle, has been revised for clarification purposes and the reference duration of the RTFOT method has been added;
- e) Clause 5, Apparatus, together with the Figures 1 to 3, has been revised and completed;
- f) Clause 6, Calibration and verification, has been added including the former requirements regarding the RTFOT oven and the temperature measuring device;
- g) the former subclause-structure of Clause 7, Sampling, has been removed and the former subclause 5.3, Initial Characteristics, has been removed;
- h) the titles of the subclauses of Clause 8, Procedure, have been changed for clarification purposes;
- i) Clause 12, Test report, has been revised;
- j) Annex B has been added;
- k) the Bibliography has been updated.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the conditioning of bitumen or bituminous binders in order to provide for measuring the combined effects of heat and air on a thin moving film of bitumen or bituminous binder simulating the hardening which most bituminous binders undergo during mixing in an asphalt mixing plant. The method is referred to as RTFOT – Rolling Thin Film Oven Test.

The method described is applicable to paving grade bitumen. The method described is also applicable to other bituminous binders considering that the reference temperature can result in excessive hardening that does not resemble real conditions during mixing at the plant. It is possible that the method does not represent the hardening that occurs during mixing bitumen used for warm mix asphalt.

The method described is not applicable to those binders having a viscosity at the tested temperature not allowing to provide a moving film. In some cases, it is possible that the test sample creeps out of the glass container and flows on the heating elements of the oven during testing.

The method described is not applicable to binders with volatiles components present. In case of cutback bitumen or bituminous emulsion, the described procedure is only applicable after being stabilized, e.g. in accordance with EN 13074-2 [9].

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2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 58, Bitumen and bituminous binders — Sampling bituminous binders

EN 1425, Bitumen and bituminous binders — Characterization of perceptible properties

EN 12594, Bitumen and bituminous binders — Preparation of test samples

EN 12597, Bitumen and bituminous binders — Terminology

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