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Standard Practice for Classifying Emulsified Recycling Agents¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice identifies emulsified petroleum products that may be used as recycling agents in recycled mixes. These materials are classified by viscosity or by low temperature penetration after aging.

1.2 This practice addresses emulsified materials designed specifically for use in recycling. The use of emulsified materials for recycling shall not be limited to this practice. For instance, the emulsified asphalts specified in Specifications D977 and D2397/D2397M may be used.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D5/D5M Test Method for Penetration of Bituminous Materials

D140/D140M Practice for Sampling Asphalt Materials

D977 Specification for Emulsified Asphalt

D1754/D1754M Test Method for Effects of Heat and Air on Asphaltic Materials (Thin-Film Oven Test)

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at www.astm.org/contact. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

D2042 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in Trichloroethylene or Toluene

D2170/D2170M Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Asphalts

D2397/D2397M Specification for Cationic Emulsified Asphalt

D2872 Test Method for Effect of Heat and Air on a Moving Film of Asphalt Binder (Rolling Thin-Film Oven Test)

D4124 Test Method for Separation of Asphalt into Four Fractions

D6930 Test Method for Settlement and Storage Stability of Emulsified Asphalts

D6933 Test Method for Oversized Particles in Emulsified Asphalts (Sieve Test)

D6937 Test Method for Determining Density of Emulsified Asphalt

D6997 Test Method for Distillation of Emulsified Asphalt

D7402 Practice for Identifying Cationic Emulsified Asphalts

D7496 Test Method for Viscosity of Emulsified Asphalt by Saybolt Furol Viscometer

D7553 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in N-Propyl Bromide

3. Significance and Use

3.1 Recycling of deteriorated asphalt pavements is being used as a routine method of maintenance and rehabilitation. Utilization of existing materials as the major component of this procedure may yield benefits in quality, economy, and preservation of natural resources. Recycling takes many forms: hot, cold, in-situ, central plant, and surface. This practice may be used for various recycling methods.

3.2 This practice describes emulsified recycling (ER) agents as belonging to three groups: ER-1, ER-2, and ER-3 as shown in Table 1. The range of recycling methods demands several emulsified recycling agents. The groups should provide adequate freedom of selection for most recycling methods.

3.2.1 ER-1 is a material whose main function is to rejuvenate aged asphalt. The material is a petroleum derivative, and highly compatible with asphalts. It is classified by viscosity.

3.2.2 ER-2 and ER-3 are materials that combine rejuvenators and asphalt components in one emulsified asphalt. These soft residues are classified by low temperature penetration after aging. They are typically used in recycling where there is an