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Foreword

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1 Scope

This document describes methods of sampling bituminous binders, to determine the average quality of the material under examination and/or to determine deviations from average quality.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1

material under examination

entire quantity of the bituminous binder of which the properties are to be assessed

NOTE "Material under examination" is termed simply "material" in the body of this document.

2.2

stationary material

material in a storage container when all valves are closed and there is no flowing in the container

2.3

flowing material

material which flows in a transport pipeline or out of the drainline of a storage container

2.4

spot sample

sample, taken in a single operation at a single place and time

NOTE If it can be assumed that the material is homogeneous, a spot sample can be regarded as a representative sample. If the material is not homogeneous, a spot sample can only be regarded as representative of a limited region around the sampling point.

2.5

composite sample

sample made up by the mixing of several spot samples

NOTE A composite sample can be regarded as a representative sample, if the spot samples are taken according to a sampling plan which makes it probable that the composition of the composite sample approaches that of the material as closely as possible.

2.6

divided sample

sample formed by dividing a spot, composite or representative sample into several similar parts by appropriate means

2.7

layer sample

upper, middle or lower layer sample

spot sample taken at a specific depth in a stationary material, usually in order to detect segregation in large storage containers

2.8

surface sample

spot sample taken at less than 5 cm below the upper surface

2.9

vertical straight-through sample

sample, taken by drawing a sampling device through the total depth of the material under examination and thereby including all layers of the material

2.10**main stream sample**

sample taken from the outlet stream of a container, such that the entire cross-section of the outlet stream is included

2.11**side-stream sample**

sample taken from the outlet stream by means of a sampling probe

2.12**laboratory sample**

sample intended for laboratory tests

2.13**test sample**

sample produced by treatment or subdivision of a laboratory sample during preparation in the laboratory of the sample for individual tests

3 Safety precautions

The safety precautions given in this clause represent good practice and shall be applied in all cases where they are not in conflict with local or other Regulations which shall be followed.

NOTE 1 The list of safety precautions given in this clause is not necessarily exhaustive and they should be considered in conjunction with relevant national safety Regulations and/or recognized safety code(s) for the petroleum industry.

- a) All Regulations concerning entry into hazardous areas shall be observed rigorously;
- b) equipment shall be maintained adequately;

NOTE 2 Regular inspections of equipment should be carried out by a competent person.

- c) all equipment and access facilities shall be checked to ensure that they are adequate for safe working before commencement of sampling;
- d) metallic sampling devices used in flammable atmospheres shall be constructed only from non-ferrous metal(s);
- e) cords used as components of sampling devices shall be constructed only from vegetable fibre(s), e.g. manilla or sisal; for emulsions, the cord used shall not absorb water from the emulsion;

NOTE 3 Attention is drawn to the situation that for cords made from man-made fibres, it is possible for an operator to build-up a dangerous level of electrostatic charge on his person, if he is not earthed and wearing insulating gloves, and that certain man-made fibres will melt or dissolve in hot bitumen.

- f) precautions shall be taken to prevent the breathing of petroleum vapours during sampling operations;
- g) for samples taken from the main stream, the sampling device shall be selected such that sampling can be performed without pressure.

4 Fundamentals of sampling

4.1 Correct sampling techniques are a prerequisite if meaningful test results are to be obtained. There should be a facility for heating the sampling device.

4.2 The person taking the sample shall be experienced in the methods to be employed.

4.3 If the sample is to be subdivided, a suitably large representative sample shall be taken and divided into the required number of divided samples.

4.4 A sampling report shall be prepared and signed by the person taking the sample.

The sampling report shall include:

- a) the reason for sampling;
- b) the method of sampling;
- c) the circumstances surrounding sampling;
- d) the date, time and location (batch number or storage container or pipe identification);
- e) the name of the sampler.

A prepared form shall be used for the sampling report (for example, see Annex A); a copy of the sampling report shall be placed with each divided sample. Sampling reports shall not be put into sample containers.

NOTE Because of the variety of materials for which the same container vehicle or storage tank may be used, account should always be taken of possible contamination by residues, deposits or solvents. For this reason it is relevant to enter data in the report on the previous history of the container vehicle or storage tank.

5 Sample size

Each divided sample should consist of at least 0,5 kg material.

NOTE The required size of a laboratory sample is dependent upon the nature and extent of the tests to be carried out.

6 Choice of sampling method

The sampling method to be used depends upon:

- a) tests to be carried out;
- b) purpose of the tests;
- c) nature, quantity and temperature of the material under examination;
- d) number, type and size of the containers or cans from which the sample is to be taken;
- e) whether the sample is to be taken from a stationary or a flowing material.

Arrangements, equipment and methods of sampling are described in Clause 8.

If samples shall be taken frequently from a large volume liquid material container, sampling appliances such as sampling valves, sampling probes or threeway cocks can conveniently be installed permanently. Otherwise, liquid test materials shall be sampled by immersion techniques, for example, by weighted sampling cans or bottom closing sampling tubes; materials fluid at low temperature can be sampled from drums or containers of up to 2 m³ capacity by means of open sampling tubes. Table 1 gives an informative guideline for sampling devices.

Viscous, plastic and semi-solid material shall be sampled using tools of the kind described in 8.4, semi-solid to brittle material by means of hand-operated tools described in 8.5 and granular material or lumps according to 8.5 and 8.6.

Sampling from the main stream by disconnecting the pipe linking a container vehicle to a storage tank shall not be carried out.

Table 1 — Sampling methods for material liquid at either high or low temperatures in pipelines, containers or cans

	Sampling method		Sampling from pipelines		Sampling from containers of capacity			
		according to Clause	main stream	side stream	> 800 m ³	from 50 m ³ to 800 m ³	from 2 m ³ to 50 m ³	≤ 2 m ³ and cans
<i>sampling using permanently installed equipment</i>	sampling probe	8.1.1	-	+	-	-	-	-
	from sampling valve	8.1.2	-	-	+	+	+	-
		8.1.3	-	+	-	-	-	-
	3-way valve	8.1.4	+	-	-	-	-	-
<i>sampling using immersion methods</i>	weighted sampling can	8.2.1	-	-	+	+	+	(+)
	surface sampling can	8.2.2	-	-	-	-	+	-
	bottom closing sampling tube	8.2.3	-	-	-	(+)	+	+
	open sampling tube	8.2.4	-	-	-	-	-	0
	vertical straight-through can	8.2.5	-	-	-	-	+	+
<i>sampling directly from installations</i>	from spraying equipment	8.3	+	-	-	-	-	-
Key + usable (+) limited use 0 only usable for materials fluid at low temperature - not applicable								

7 Number of samples

The number of samples taken shall be dependent upon the size and form of the container and for deliveries in cans and lumps upon the number of those in a delivery; the number of samples to be taken from a container shall be as given for each sampling method in Clause 8.