

EUROPEAN STANDARDS FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

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SUMMARY

In the European Community the technical requirements of the materials used in highway construction are specified either by harmonised standards or by technical approvals, their main objective being to harmonise current practice.

This paper focuses on the harmonised standards produced by the Road Material Technical Committee which deals with: Bituminous materials, Surface dressing and Slurry surfacing, Cement concrete, Unbound materials and Surface characteristics. The scope and activities of each Working Group are presented as well as an outline of the progress that has so far been made in the development of standards. Finally, a brief discussion of the developments that are expected in the near future is being made.