ROAD PAVEMENT FORUM

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Bitumen specifications



BITUMEN SPECIFICATIONS

RPF RESOLUTION TO COMBINE ALL BITUMEN TYPES UNDER A SINGLE STEERING COMMITTEE, WITH APPROPRIATE WORKING GROUPS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PRODUCTS



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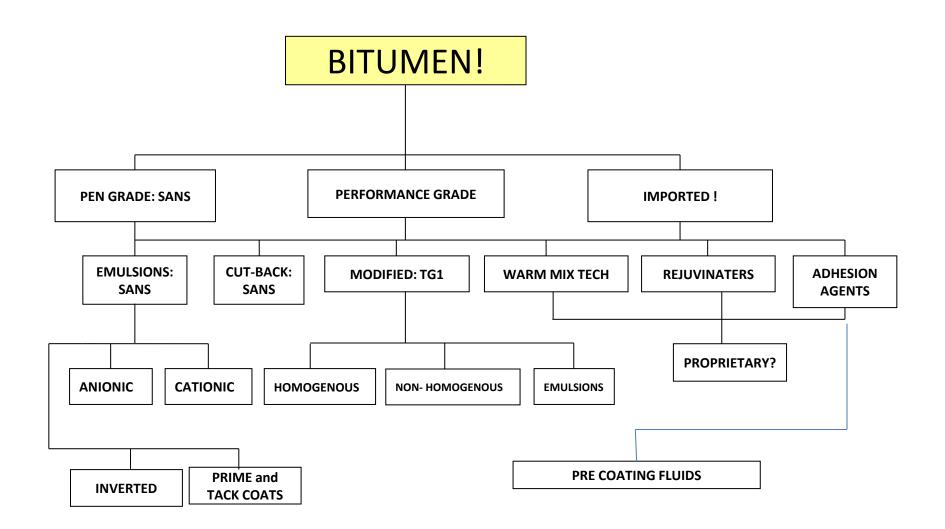
•Bituminous binders but a component of the final product and thus should not be assessed in "isolation"

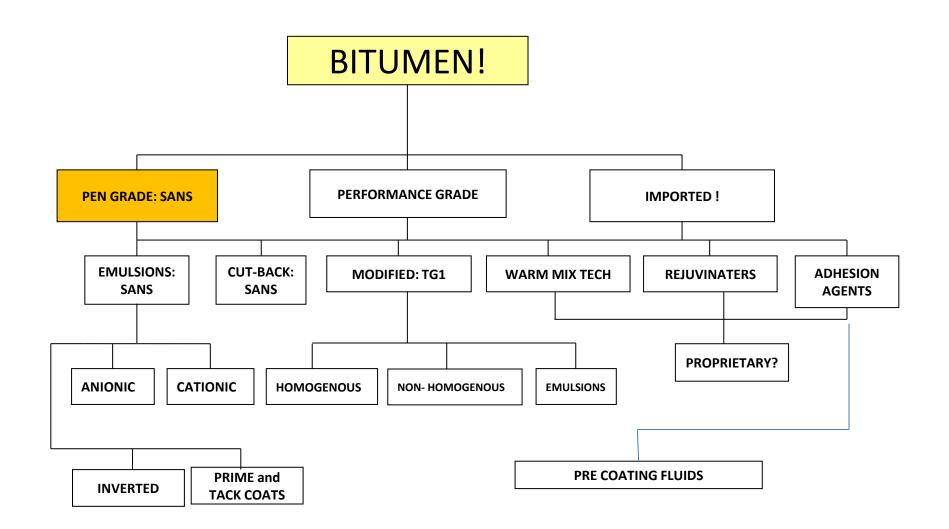
•Focus only on "technical" issues and NOT procurement/contractual issues

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BITUMEN CHARECTERISATION AND PROPERTIES MUST BE ALIGNED WITH "FINAL PRODUCT" REQUIREMENTS:

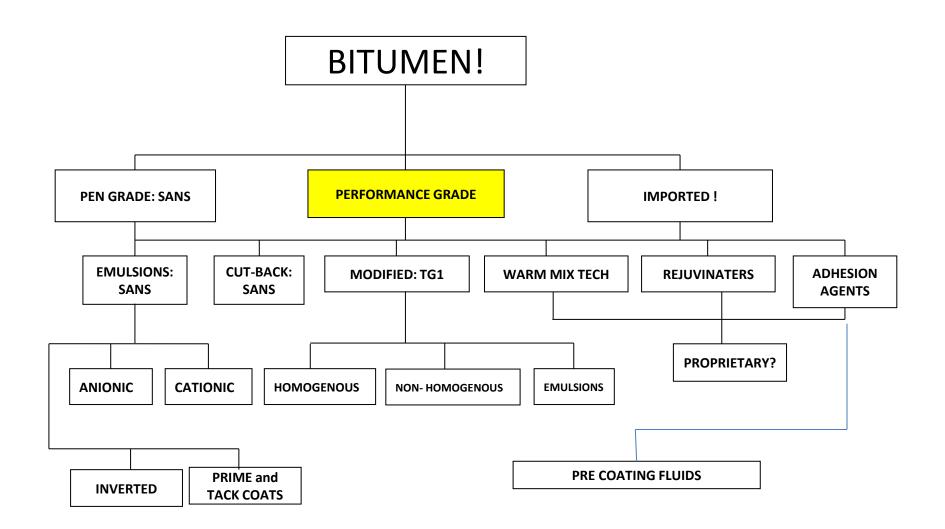
- SAPDM
- HMA DESIGN
- SURFACE SEAL DESIGN
- "WINTER SEAL" REQUIREMENTS

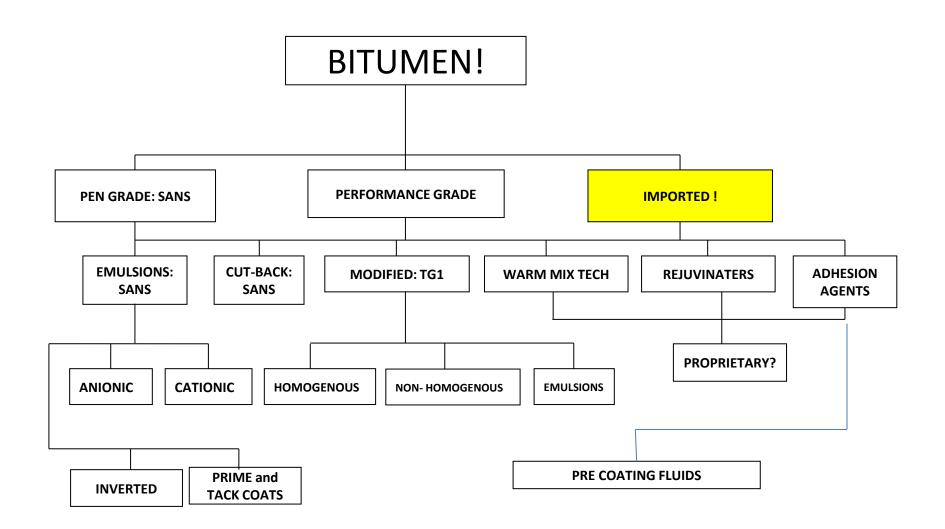




PENETRATION GRADES

SANS 307 NOW SANS 4001 – BT1





IMPORTED BITUMEN

FOCUSED ONLY ON "TECHNICAL" ISSUES! SUCH AS CHANGES IN PROPERTIES ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN ROUTE

- CONTAMINATION
- MEHANICAL MISHAPS ON BOARD
- THERMAL DEGRADATION

TRACEABILITY!

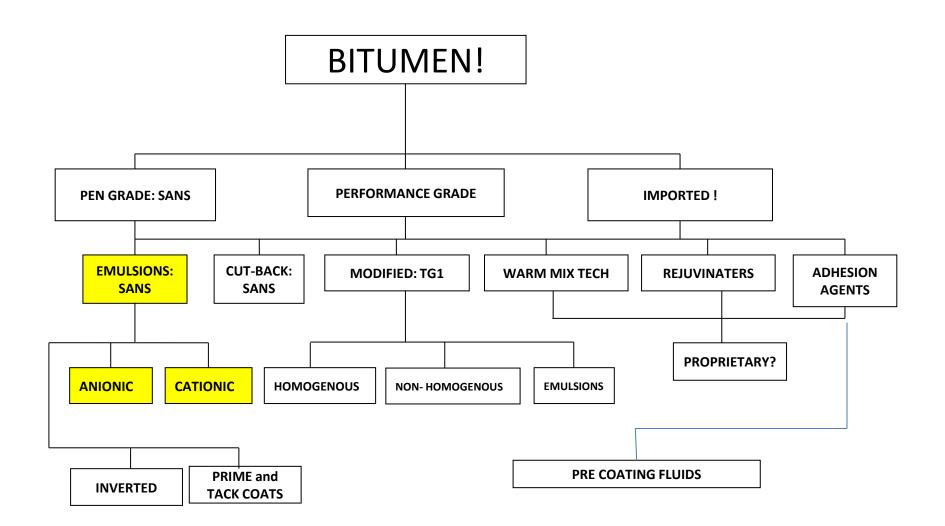
IMPORTED/LOCAL BITUMEN STORAGE

STRATEGIC "TANK FARMS"

LONG TERM STORAGE AND DECANTERING PROTOCOLS?

TO BE INCLUDED IN SABITA MANUAL 25:

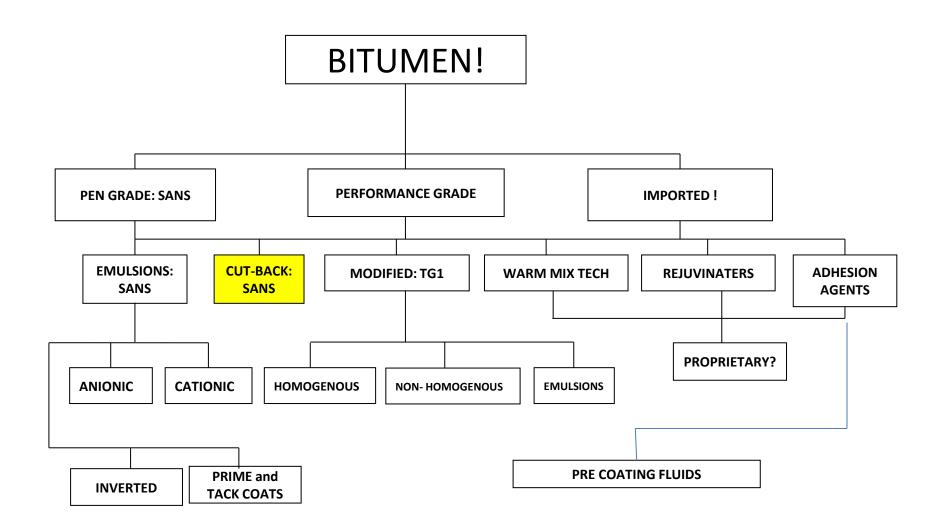
Code of Practice: Transportation, Off-Loading and Storage of Bituminous Products



EMULSIONS

- •SANS 309:2004 Anionic Road Emulsions
- •SANS 548:2003 Cationic Road Emulsions
- •SANS 1260:2004 Invert Bitumen Emulsion

After revisions having been completed > 1 year ago – STILL awaiting SABS approval and publication!!!!



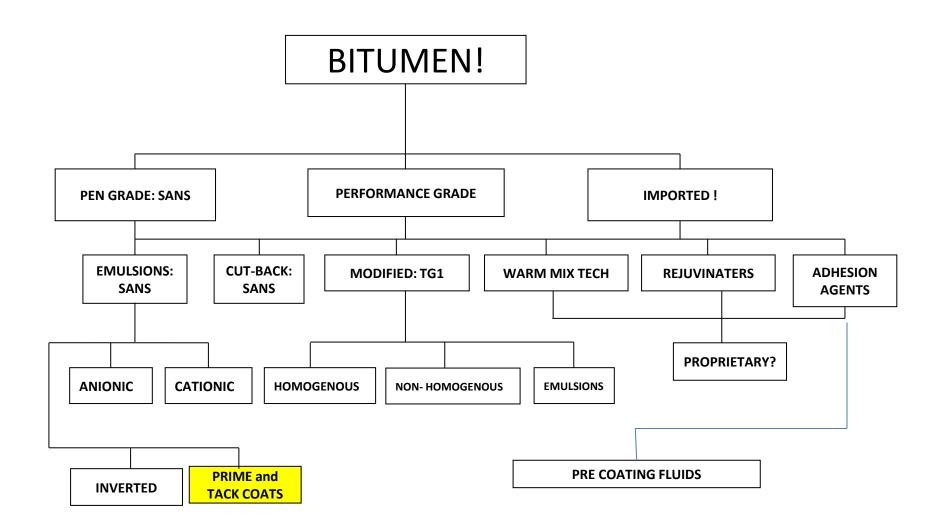
CUT-BACK BINDERS

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"CUTTING BACK" OF BINDERS!

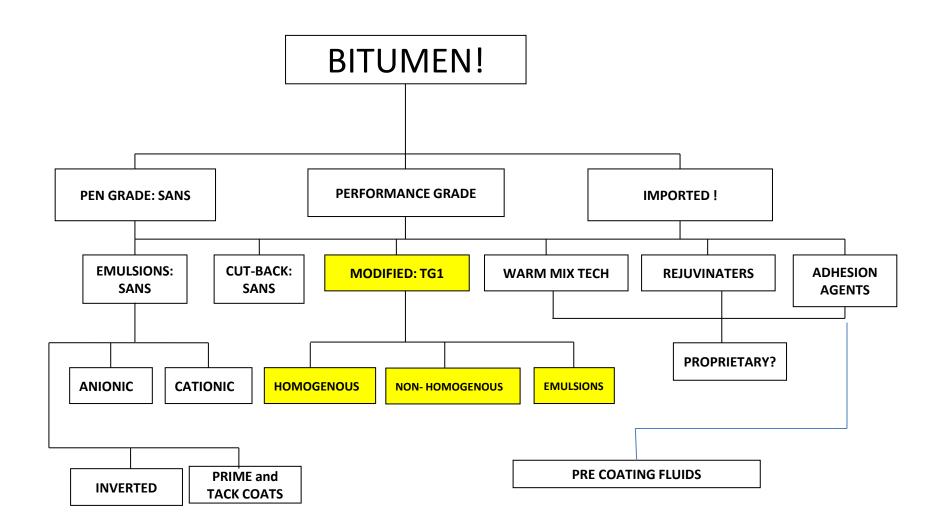
"WINTER SEAL" ISSUE

- TERMINAL BLENDING
- •"ON SITE" BLENDING
- •ASSOCIATED HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS (OBLIGATIONS)
- •PROPERTIES OF VARIOUS CUTTERS/OILS



PRIMES AND TACK COATS

- ENVIRONMENT "FRIENDLY" PRIMES???
- "TRACKLESS" (TACKLESS) TACK-COATS!



MODIFIED BINDERS: TG1

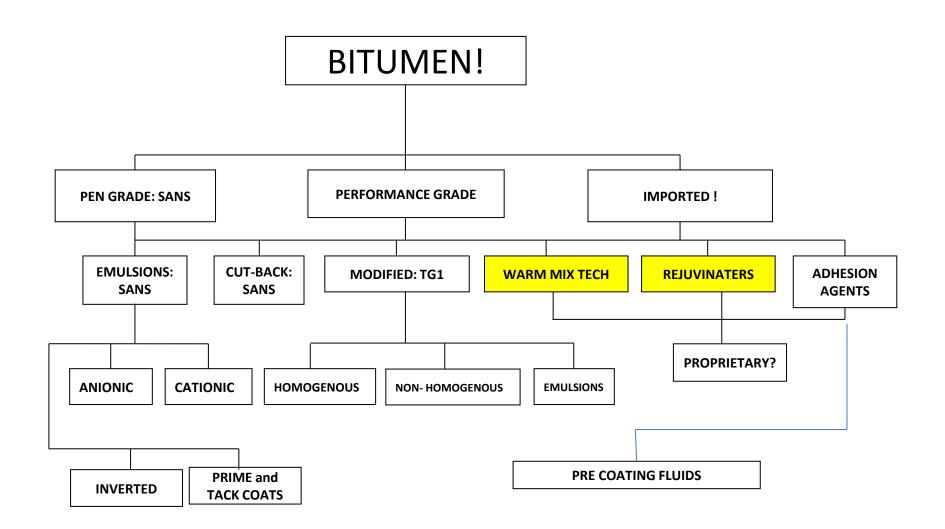
- ONLY MINOR AMMENDMENTS/CHANGES TO EXISTING PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS
- •"NEW GENERATION" BINDERS TO BE INCLUDED
- INCLUSION OF HYBRID BINDERS (COMBINATION OF POLYMERS/AGENTS) PRODUCTS?
- ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED W.R.T DIFFERENT PRODUCTS AND "MAKE-UP"
- •GUIDENCE W.R.T "WHAT IF" SITUATIONS TO BE INCLUDED (E.G NON-CONFORMANCE)

PERFORMANCE GRADING OF MODIFIED BINDERS

Currently to remain in line with TG 1

•Future PG testing protocols (mandatory "Reporting") to build up data

•In future totally "polymer/modifier" blind specs?????



WARM-MIX TECHNOLOGY

- "STAND ALONE" PRODUCT????
- •APPLICABLE ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF PRODUCTS?
- ENVIRONMENMTAL BENEFITS!
- **•**ENGINEERING BENEFITS!
- •"DE FACTO" USE IN HIGH RA RECYCLING
- •FUTURE "CARBON TAX" IMPLEMENTATION????

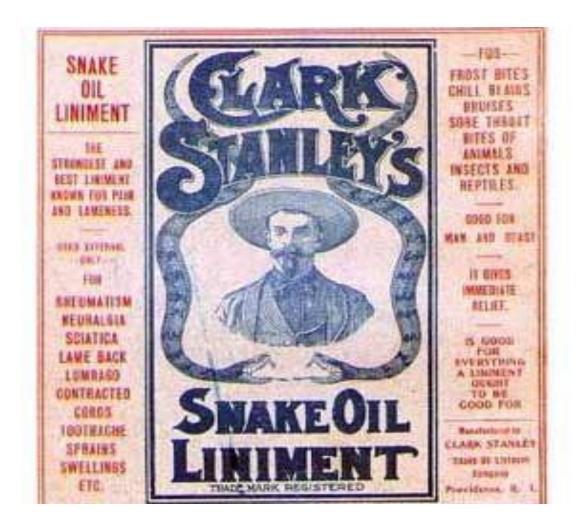
REJUVINATERS

- Numerous proprietary products being marketed
- Generic approach required

CONCLUSIONS

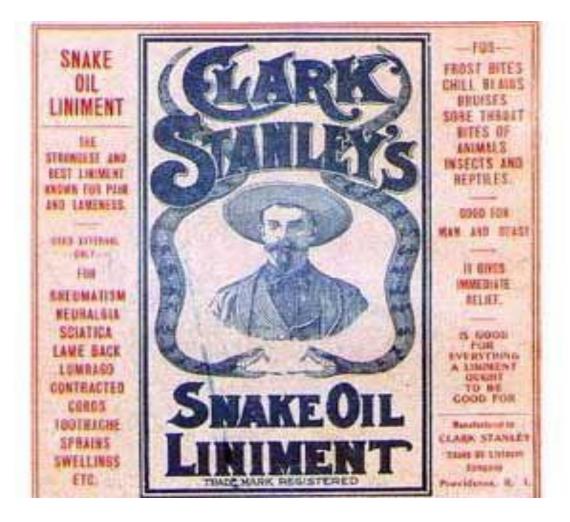
- •A lot of work is currently underway w.r.t guidelines/specifications of bituminous products.
- Focus on aligning this with other industry pavement and materials design development initiatives currently underway







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THANK YOU

