Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges

M3.06.2: Aggregate for Hot Mix Asphalt

A. Coarse Aggregate

The coarse mineral aggregate shall be clean, hard, durable, crushed rock consisting of the angular fragments obtained by breaking and crushing shattered natural rock, reasonably free from thin and/or elongated pieces, free from dirt or other objectionable materials. It shall be surface dry and shall have a moisture content of not more than 0.5 percent after drying. Aggregates from multiple sources of supply shall not be mixed or stored in the same stockpile.

B. Fine Aggregate

The fine aggregate shall consist of one of the following:

- 1. 100% Natural Sand.
- 2. 100% Stone Sand.
- 3. A blend of sand and stone screenings, the proportions of which shall be approved by the Engineer.
- 4. A blend of natural sand and stone sand.

Natural sand shall consist of inert, hard, durable grains of quartz or other hard, durable rock, free from topsoil or clay, surface coatings, organic matter or other deleterious materials.

Stone sand shall be a processed material prepared from stone screenings to produce a consistently graded material conforming to specification requirements.

Stone screenings shall be the product of a secondary crusher and shall be free from dirt, clay, organic matter, excess fines or other deleterious material.

C. Consensus Properties

Aggregates utilized in HMA mixtures, including RAP if used in the mixture, shall be tested for conformance with the Consensus Property requirements outlined in AASHTO M 323 Sections 6.2 to 6.6 and Table M3.06.2-1 below.

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