

Japan Customs Analysis Methods

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Petroleum Asphalts (Bitumen) - Determination of Congealing Point

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1. Scope

This analysis method is applied to “petroleum bitumen” listed in subheading 2713.20 of Customs Tariff Law (Appendix Table - Customs Tariff Schedule) which requires the determination of its congealing point.

2. Procedure

In principle, the congealing points of samples are measured under the rotating thermometer method (ASTM D938-12). However, pour point (refer to JIS K 2269: 1987 (ISO3016: 1974, MOD*)) or softening point (refer to JIS K 2207: 1996) can be measured instead of congealing point if appropriate.

*) MOD: modified