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**Director of Engineering Memorandum****DEM 161/16****DEM TITLE: Revision of Specification for Pavement Surfacing –  
longitudinal joints, texture depth and cold applied ultra  
thin surfacing**

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**Purpose**

This memorandum implements the Highways Agency Interim Advice Note - IAN 154/12 – Revision of SHW Clauses 903, 921 and 942.

**Scope**

This DEM is aimed at anyone responsible for the design or specification of pavement surfacing.

**Background**

Series 900 of Volume 1 of the Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW) sets out the specification of Bituminous Bound Materials to be used on Highway works. Highways Agency has produced an IAN (154/12) to revise specific requirements of Series 900 of MCHW.

This IAN gives revised requirements for the locations of longitudinal joints in highway resurfacing and the initial and retained texture depth of thin surface course systems. It also gives requirements for cold applied ultra thin surfacing.

**Implementation**

The policy set out in this memorandum shall take effect from the date of issue.

## **Policy**

The Policy is set out in Highways Agency IAN 154/12. This document should be read in conjunction with MCHW Vol.1 – Series 900 and DMRB HD36/06 and can be viewed from the link below.

<http://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/ians/pdfs/ian154.pdf>

Please note the following clarifications to IAN 154/12 as implemented by TransportNI :

1. All references to Highways Agency in IAN 154/12 shall be interpreted as TransportNI.

### **DBFO Companies and External Consultants**

DBFO Companies and Consultants working on behalf of TransportNI and Developers should be informed of the content of this memorandum as appropriate.

## **Equality**

No Section 75 equality issues arise from the introduction of this Memorandum as it addresses an internal procedural matter covering a technical issue.

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