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**National standardization: toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors**

### Toponymic guidelines of Austria for map editors and other editors, seventh edition, 2012

#### Summary\*\*

The seventh edition of the toponymic guidelines of Austria (2012) has been elaborated, which takes into account the many changes since the sixth edition, which was introduced at the twenty-fifth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held at Nairobi in 2009.

The most important changes are the following:

- The introduction of an uppercase letter for the so called “scharfes s” or “Eszet” (ß) (sect. 1: Languages, subsect. 1.2.2: The German alphabet)
- The expansion of official bilingual (German/Slovenian) names of populated places in the area of the Slovenian minority in the province of Carinthia from 93 to 164 (sect. 1: Languages, subsect. 1.3.1: Slovenian)
- The updated publication status of official maps (sect. 3: Source material)
- The discontinuation of the Gazetteer of Inhabited Places, edited so far by the Austrian Statistical Office (Statistik Austria), and its integration into the Digital Landscape Model — Range Names of the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying (Bundesamt für Eich- und Vermessungswesen) (Sect. 3: Source material)
- The creation of a new administrative district called Murtal in the province of Styria as a result of an amalgamation of the districts of Judenburg and

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\*\* The full report was prepared by Hubert Bergmann (Austria), Vice-Chair, Austrian Board on Geographical Names, and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.



Knittelfeld owing to an administrative reform (annex A: Administrative division with code numbers)

- The update of the respective illustrative maps in the annex

The seventh edition of the toponymic guidelines of Austria for international use by map editors and other editors will be available at the latest on 1 July under the following URL: [http://www.oeaw.ac.at/dinamlex/AKO/AKO\\_Toponymic\\_Guidelines.html](http://www.oeaw.ac.at/dinamlex/AKO/AKO_Toponymic_Guidelines.html).

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