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

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A new edition of the Austrian Toponymic Guidelines has been elaborated, which takes into account the manifold changes since the last, sixth edition, presented at the 25th Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names at Nairobi in 2009.

The most important changes are:

- introduction of an uppercase letter for the so called “scharfes s” or “Eszet” (ß) (section 1: *Languages*, subsection 1.2.2: *The German alphabet*)
- 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 (section 1: *Languages*, subsection 1.3.1: *Slovenian*)
- updated publication status of official maps (Section 3: *Source material*)
- discontinuation of the Gazetteer of Inhabited Places, edited so far by the Austrian Statistical Office (Statistik Austria), and its integration into to the Digital Landscape Model (DLM) – Range Names of the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying (Bundesamt für Eich- und Vermessungswesen) (Section 3: *Source material*)
- 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 *Knittelfeld* due to an administrative reform (ANNEX A: *Administrative division with code numbers*)
- update of the respective illustrative maps in the Annex

The seventh edition of the *Toponymic Guidelines for map editors and other editors, for international use / Austria* will be available at the latest on July 1st under the following URL:

http://www.oeaw.ac.at/dinamlex/AKO/AKO_Toponymic_Guidelines.html