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IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND THE AIMS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

*RECOMMENDATION No: 46 OF THE AUSTRIAN CONFERENCE OF SPATIAL
PLANNING (ÖSTERREICHISCHE RAUMORDNUNGSKONFERENZ, ÖROK)**

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Empfehlung Nr. 46: ÖROK-Empfehlung zur Standardisierung geographischer Namen.

Rundlaufbeschluss vom 15. Mai 1998.

Names standardization in Austria is under the care of several authorities: the so called „Länder“ (provinces) and their communes as well as the federation and her federal offices are the main bodies responsible for names standardization in our country. To improve the coordination between the different authorities and to achieve a higher degree of standardized spelling of our place names and with respect to the universal use of data bases a working group of the „Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kartographische Ortsnamenkunde“ (AKO, Board on Geographical Names of Austria) and of representatives of the Austrian Conference of Spatial Planning (Österreichische Raumordnungskonferenz [ÖROK]) was installed and elaborated „Recommendation No. 46“.

It is recommended that :

Place-names written in the Place-name gazetteer published by the Austrian Statistical Office and/or in the official maps published by the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying respectively contained in its data base GEONAM shall be obligatory for official usage as they are based upon official sources.

Annexed to this recommendation are lists of responsibilities in the field of naming with respect to the categories of names and of the cooperating partners. The following chapter quotes the institutions which have digital toponymic data bases and finally the quality and size of the cooperation between the Austrian Statistical Office and the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying is described.