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*GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES DATA BASE AUSTRIA\**

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## **„Geographische Namendatenbank Österreich“**

Revised edition of Josef BREU, *Geographisches Namenbuch Österreichs* (Gazetteer of Austria). Bearbeitet nach den Empfehlungen der Vereinten Nationen. (= Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften. Veröffentlichungen des Instituts für Kartographie. Forschungen zur theoretischen Kartographie, Band 3). Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Wien 1975.

A working group of the „Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kartographische Ortsnamenkunde“ (AKO) consistent of 9 experts elaborates this completely revised and updated version. The names data base will comprise the following informations:

- standardized spellings considering the new orthographic reform
- grammatical specifications
- pronunciation (IPA)
- name variants (minority names)
- topographic category
- description of location
- geographical coordinates
- administrative classification
- statistical information (NUTS-3 unit of the EURO-STAT)
- reference to the map sheets 1:50 000
- recommendation for a specific scale (1:500 000, 1:750 000, 1:1 Mill., 1:1,5 Mill., 1:2 Mill., 1: 5 Mill.)

It covers all named geographical features contained in the map 1: 500 000 completed with other important topographic features (see J. Breu, *Gazetteer of Austria: Selection and Sources used*, p. 36 f.). This edition additionally contains further object categories such as juridical districts, highway intersections, highway service areas, airports, national parks, tourism regions, pipelines etc.

The topographic names data base comprises about 7 000 entries and is expected to be published in the mid of this year as CD-ROM.