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Dictionary of Geographical Regions of Germany, (Third Edition)*

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Under the authorship of H. Liedtke a dictionary of the geographical regions of the Federal Republic of Germany was published in 1984 as a first edition. In 1994, after the German unification the names of the geographical regions of the former German Democratic Republic were added and the dictionary was published as its second edition. Now a third edition is available which takes into consideration changes of names as a result of the orthographic reform of the German language effective in Germany since 1999. Enclosed is a new edition of the map of the geographical regions of the Federal Republic of Germany at the scale of 1 : 1 000 000 which was presented as a provisional edition to the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in Berlin 2002 as E/CONF.94/CRP.38 and Add.1

The new map shows 714 bounded regions, some of which having more than one name. Consequently, 791 names of regions are listed in the dictionary and described (in German only). The less widely used names are cross referenced to the main entry, but there are also existing synonyms which are absolutely of equal status. In such a case one of those names has been declared to be the standardized one.

For each name the following information is listed (in German only):

- Name, gender, synonym (if available)
- 2. Description
- 3. Approximate co-ordinates
- 4. Administrative affiliation

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