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National standardization: office treatment of names**Transposition of Austrian maps into the Universal
Transverse Mercator system****Submitted by Austria******Summary*****

Within the framework of the Partnership for Peace, Austria continues its programme of making national topographic maps compatible and interoperable with those of NATO in terms of reference system, projection, scale and sheet lines. The maps are also used by civilian and humanitarian organizations.

The topographic maps, in the scales 1:50,000 and 1:200,000, are transposed to the international reference system step by step.

Together with the transposition from the Austrian surveying system into the Universal Transverse Mercator system, the first updating cycle of the field collection of names was started in 2000 and finished in 2006. The publication of the map sheets covering the area of Austria will be finished in 2010. The second updating cycle for the 1:50,000 map was started in 2007; an edition of the map sheets is scheduled for publishing two years after field treatment.

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