

Testing automated vehicles on public roads in Austria

Process and procedure

The following document describes the **schematic procedure for the testing of automated vehicles and their systems on public roads** in Austria.

Tests are regulated in the Ministry's (hereinafter BMVIT) [Automatised Driving Regulation](#) (AutomatFahrV¹). According to the latter, the testing of the following usage cases is possible at present after a permit has been issued: **I) autonomous minibus, II) motorway pilot scheme with lane- change and III) self-driving military vehicles**. At the moment, vehicle manufacturers, system developers and research institutes can submit a test application.²

The following scenarios for dealing with tests are described in this document:

- 1) **Testing possibilities for advanced automated vehicles / functions** in accordance with AutomatFahrV
- 2) **Testing possibilities for vehicles / functions** that are **not** currently regulated in accordance with AutomatFahrV
- 3) **Presentation of** automated vehicles/systems for demonstration purposes
- 4) **Subsequent entries** for test drivers/vehicles; extension of existing applications

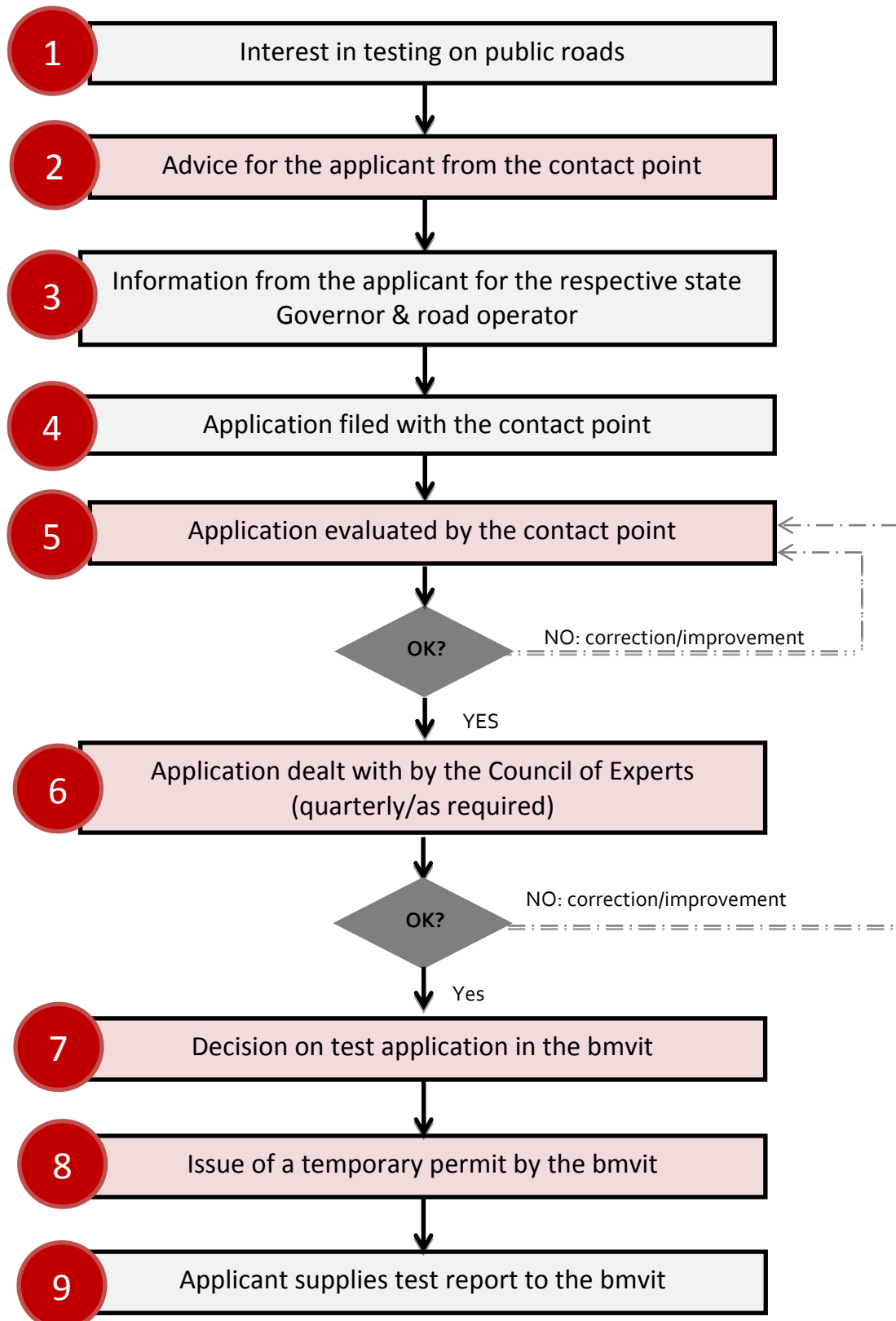
Enquiries and test projects must be made known to the contact point for automated driving – AustriaTech GmbH (automatisierung@austriatech.at and also www.austriatech.at). The issuing of a permit is the responsibility of the bmvit. The bmvit can, where necessary, involve a Council of Experts, consisting of independent experts with legal and technical expertise, to provide advice during the application procedure. Further information can be found on the official homepage of the bmvit:

<https://www.bmvit.gv.at/verkehr/automatisiertesFahren/index.html>

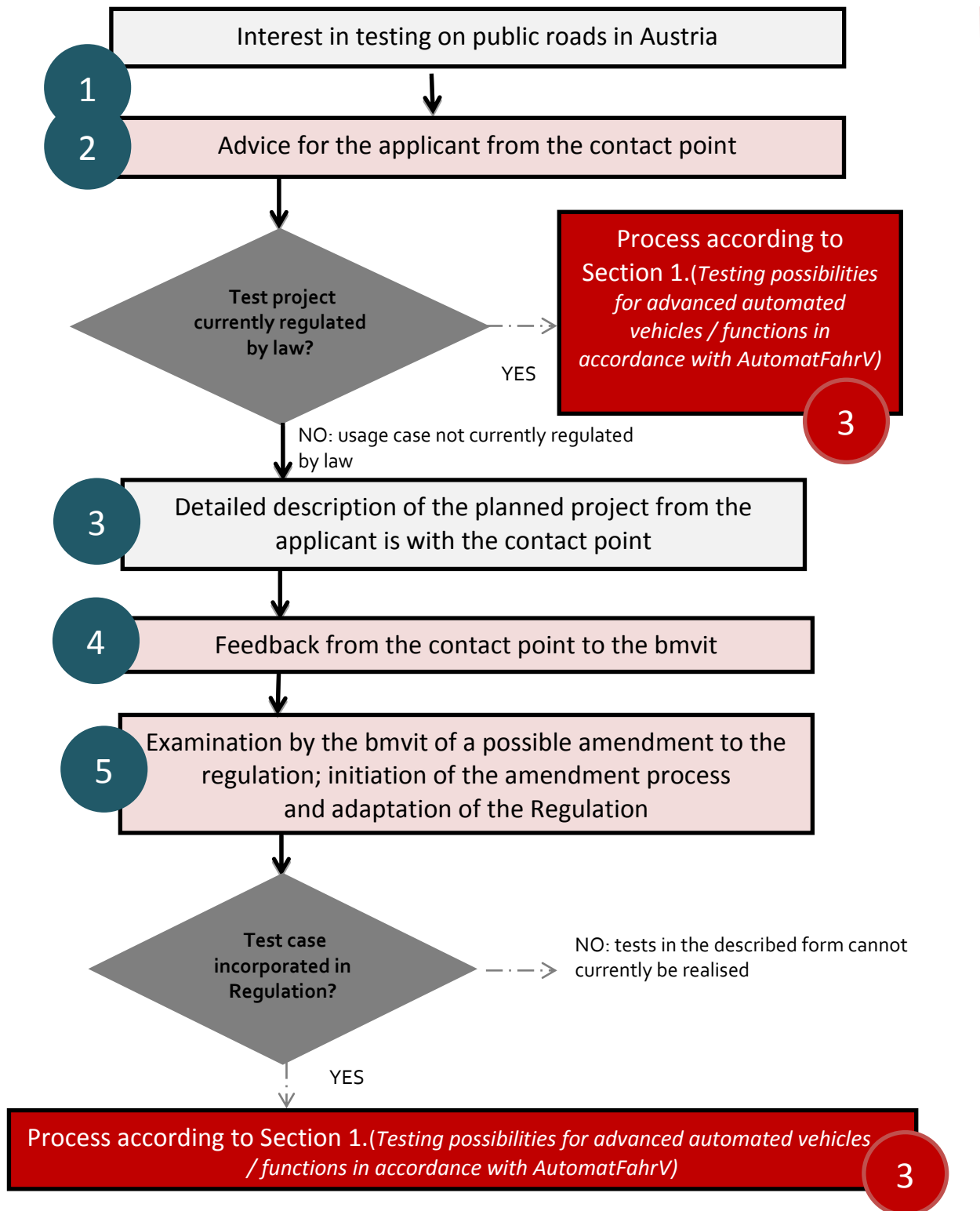
¹ https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/BgblAuth/BGBLA_2016_II_402/BGBLA_2016_II_402.pdf#sig

² §7,8;9 AutomatFahrV

1) Testing possibilities for advanced automated vehicles / functions in accordance with AutomatFahrV

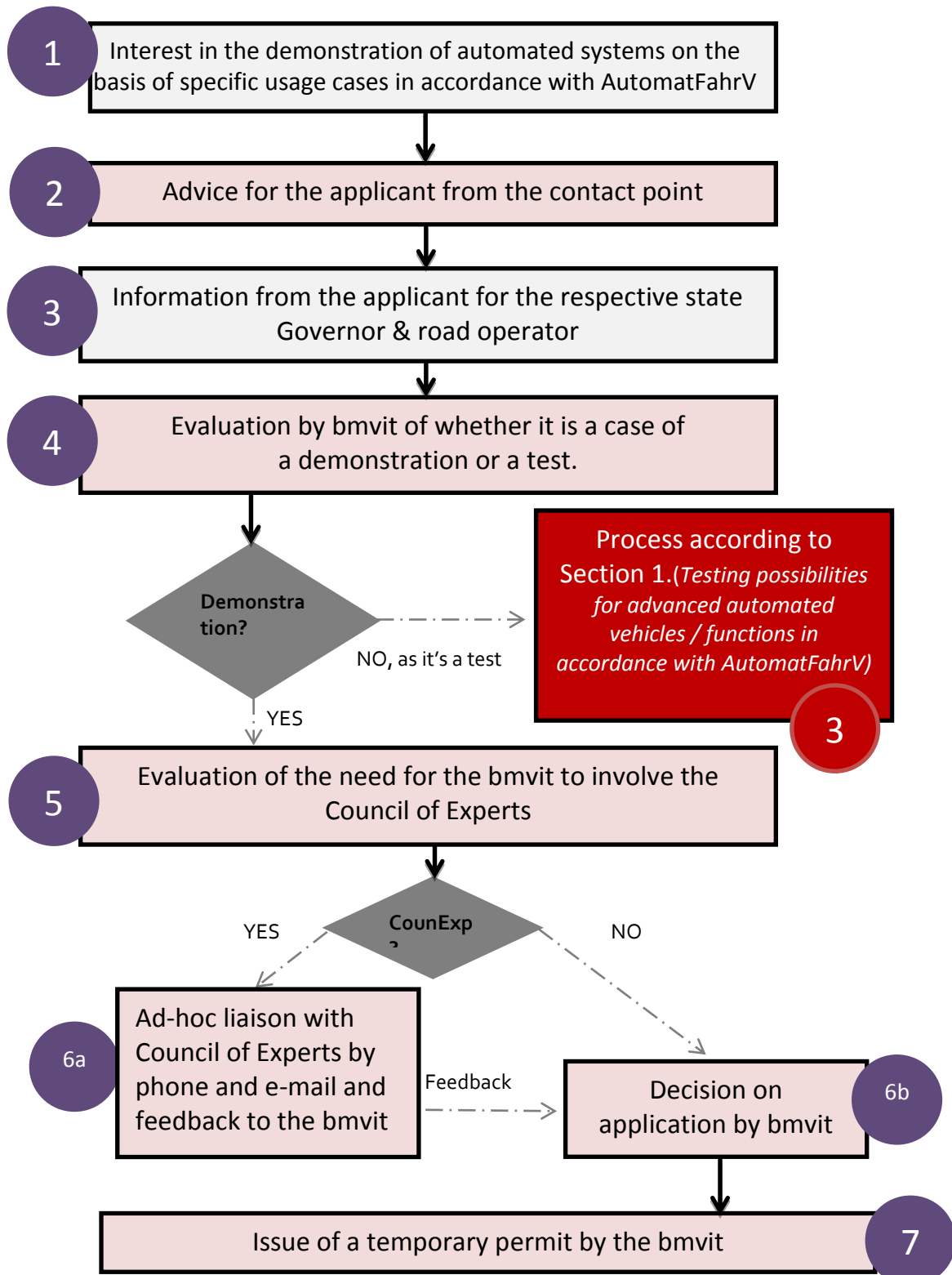


2) Testing possibilities for vehicles / functions which are not currently regulated in accordance with AutomatFahrV



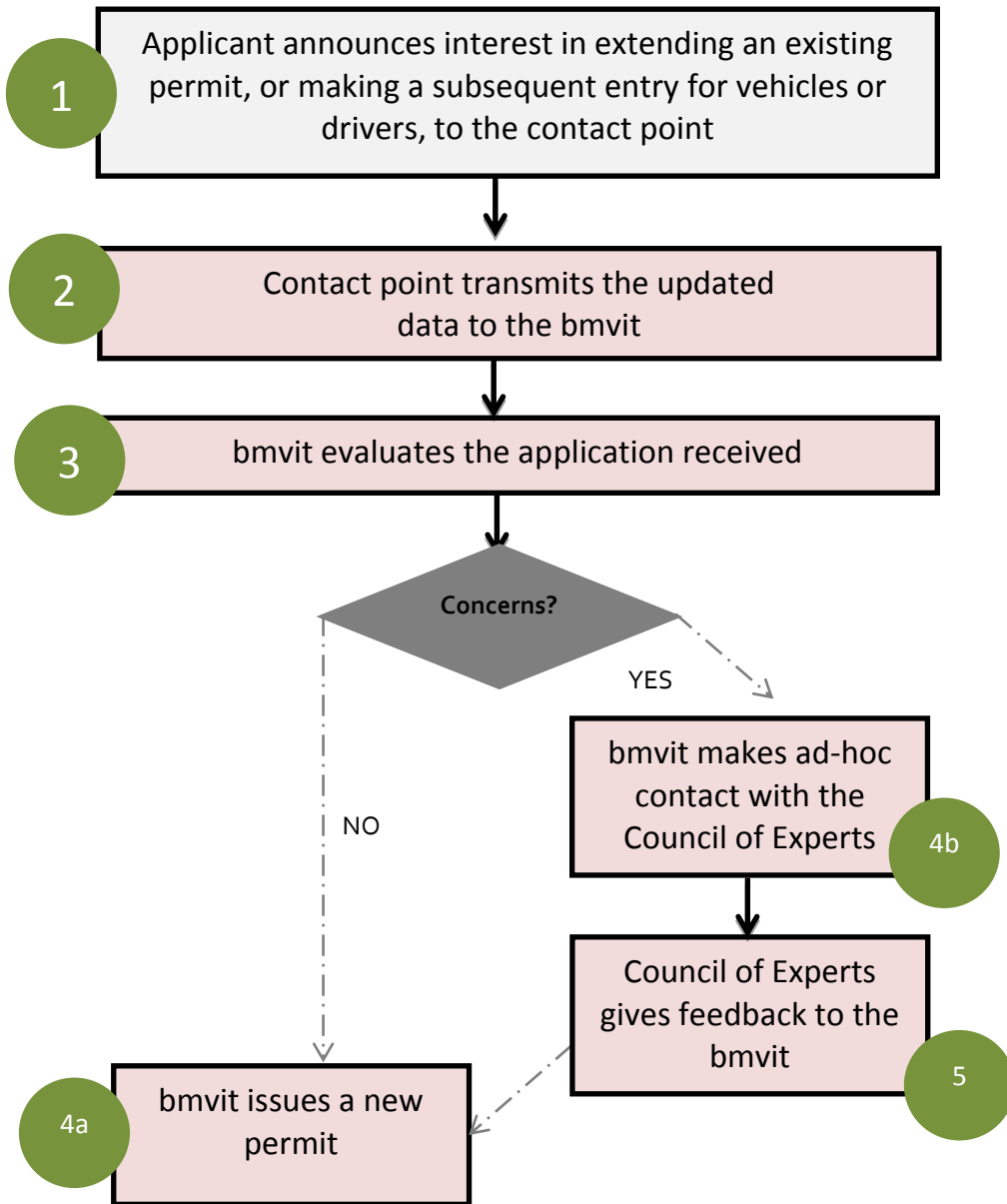
The duration of the process varies depending on the test case applied for. We recommend that planned test cases be submitted to the contact point in good time. A processing duration of **a few months** for the new test scenario to be incorporated into the Regulation through an appropriate amendment is realistic.

3) Presentation of automated vehicles/systems for demonstration purposes – does not comply with any tests!



The duration of the process varies depending on the test case applied for. As a rule, however, with a positive evaluation a permit can already be issued roughly **within one month**.

4) Subsequent entries for test drivers/vehicles; extension of existing applications



The duration of the process varies depending on the test case applied for. As a rule, however, a new permit can already be issued **within a few days**.