Instrument No.68 of 1994

Statement of Principles

concerning

DIVERTICULAR DISEASE OF THE COLON

ICD CODE: 562.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(3)

- 1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **diverticular disease of the colon and death from diverticular disease of the colon** can be related to eligible war service rendered by veterans and defence service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **diverticular disease of the colon or death from diverticular disease of the colon** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) suffering from scleroderma before the clinical onset of diverticular disease of the colon; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for diverticular disease of the colon.
- Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs
 1(a) to (b) must be related to any service rendered by a person.
- 3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(b)** applies only where:

- the person's diverticular disease of the colon was contracted (a) prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
- (b) the relationship suggested between the **diverticular disease of the** colon and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e) or 70(5)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

"diverticular disease of the colon" means the clinical consequences of a herniation or sac-like protusion of the colonic mucosa and the submucosa through the muscular coat of the colon, attracting ICD code 562.1;

"ICD code" means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the International Classification of Diseases 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

"scleroderma" means a multisystem disorder characterised by the association of vascular abnormalities, connective tissue sclerosis and atrophy, and auto-immune changes, attracting ICD code 710.1.

Dated this	day of	1994
The Common Seal of the)	
Repatriation Medical Authority)	
was affixed to this instrument)	

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN

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in the presence of: