

Amendment of Statement of Principles  
concerning  
**MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE  
PROSTATE**

**ICD CODE: 185**

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.95 of 1995, (Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the prostate), by:

1. omitting the factor (b) from paragraph 1, and replacing it with the following:
  - “(b) increasing animal fat consumption by at least 40%, and to at least 70gm/day for at least 20 years before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the prostate; or
  - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the prostate.”;
2. omitting paragraph 2, and replacing it with the following:
  - “2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(c)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.”;

3. omitting the words “paragraph 1(b)” from paragraph 3, and replacing them with the following words:

“paragraph 1(c)”;

4. omitting the definitions from paragraph 4, and replacing them with the following:

“**animal fat**” means fat contained in or derived from:

(a) beef, veal, pork, mutton or lamb or offal which may be in any form, for example, main dish, sandwich or mixed dish; in preserved meats, ham, frankfurters, sausages, salami, bologna, deli meat items, lard and bacon; and

(b) dairy products, for example: milk, cream, sour cream, sherbet or ice milk, icecream, yogurt, cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cream cheese, other cheese and butter;

**'being exposed to herbicides in Vietnam'** may be said to have occurred only if the person had, before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the prostate:

(a) rendered more than 30 days service on land in Vietnam; or

(b) regularly eaten fish, fish products, crustaceans, shellfish or meat from Vietnam; or

(c) regularly eaten food cooked with water from Vietnam discoloured by sediment, or regularly drunk water from Vietnam discoloured by sediment; or

(d) regularly inhaled dust in a defoliated area in Vietnam or regularly inhaled herbicide fog in Vietnam; or

(e) sprayed or decanted herbicides in Vietnam as an occupational requirement;

**'ICD code'** means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the Australian Version of The International Classification of Diseases, 9th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), effective date of 1 July 1996, copyrighted by the National Coding Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 0 642 24447 2;

**'malignant neoplasm of the prostate'** means a malignant neoplasm of the cells of the prostate gland, attracting ICD code 185.”;

5. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.95 of 1995 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this *Ninth* day of *December* 1996

The Common Seal of the )  
Repatriation Medical Authority )  
was affixed to this instrument )  
in the presence of: )

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN