Statement of Principles

concerning

CHLORACNE

ICD CODE: 706.1

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 **chloracne and death from chloracne** 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, **chloracne or death from chloracne** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) decanting, mixing, applying or ingesting polychlorinated aromatic hydrocarbons within the seven days before the development of chloracne; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for chloracne.
- 2. 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:

- (a) the person's **chloracne** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
- (b) the relationship suggested between the **chloracne** 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:

"chloracne" means an acneform rash, with a preponderance of comedomes, developing in association with a history of being exposed to polychlorinated aromatic hydrocarbons, attracting ICD code 706.1;

"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;

"polychlorinated aromatic hydrocarbons" means chemical compounds containing a benzene ring and multiple chlorine atoms.

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

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN