Statement of Principles

concerning

CLONORCHIASIS

ICD CODE: 121.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

- 1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **clonorchiasis** and **death from clonorchiasis** can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act* 1986, that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **clonorchiasis or death from clonorchiasis** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) ingesting raw, undercooked, pickled or smoked fish from one of the areas that were endemic for the trematode *Clonorchis sinensis*; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the clonorchiasis.
- 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 **clonorchiasis** 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 **clonorchiasis** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

"areas that were endemic for the trematode Clonorchis sinensis" are:

Cambodia
China
Hong Kong
Japan
Korea
Laos
Taiwan
Thailand

Vietnam

"clonorchiasis" means an infection of the biliary system by the trematode *Clonorchis sinensis*, attracting ICD code 121.1.

"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.

Dated this	day of	1995
The Common Seal of the)	
Repatriation Medical Authority	,)	
was affixed to this instrument)	
in the presence of:)	

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN