Instrument No.57 of 1995

Statement of Principles

concerning

HEREDITARY SPHEROCYTOSIS

ICD CODE: 282.0

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

- 1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **hereditary spherocytosis and death from hereditary spherocytosis** 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 factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **hereditary spherocytosis or death from hereditary spherocytosis** with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) the inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for hereditary spherocytosis.
- 2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factor set out in paragraph **1**(a) must be related to any service rendered by a person.
- 3. The factor set out in paragraph **1**(**a**) applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **hereditary spherocytosis** 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 **hereditary spherocytosis** 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:

"hereditary spherocytosis" means a congenital haemolytic condition arising from a defect in one of the proteins in the red blood cell membrane leading to a decreased ratio of surface area to volume of the cell and the consequent development of spherocytes, attracting ICD code 282.0;

"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.

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

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN