Instrument No.58 of 1995

Statement of Principles

concerning

HEREDITARY SPHEROCYTOSIS

ICD CODE: 282.0

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 **hereditary spherocytosis and death from hereditary spherocytosis** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act* 1986, that the factor that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **hereditary spherocytosis or death from hereditary spherocytosis** is connected 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) or 70(5)(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 280.0;

"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.

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