

Statement of Principles

concerning

SMALLPOX

ICD CODE: 050

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **smallpox** and **death from smallpox** 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* (the Act), that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **smallpox** or **death from smallpox** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) being in an area endemic with *Poxvirus variolae* not more than 22 days before developing smallpox; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the smallpox.
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 **smallpox** was contracted before a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

- (b) the relationship suggested between the **smallpox** 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.

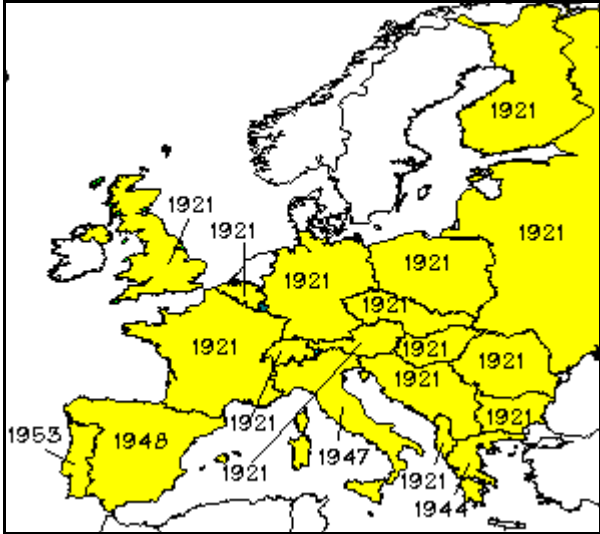
4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

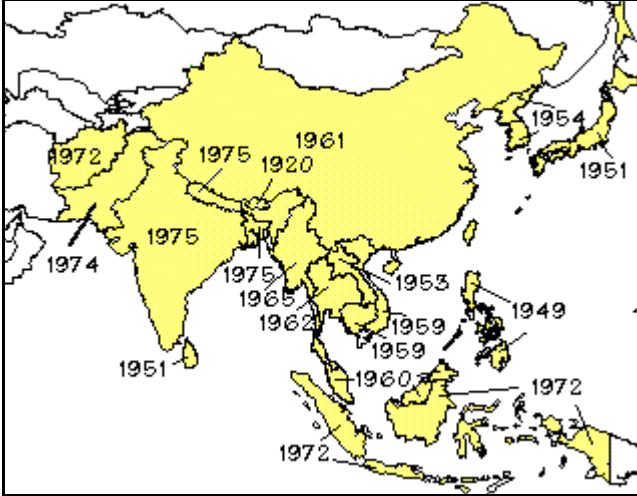
“area endemic with *Poxvirus variolae*” means an area described in column 2 of the Schedule at a time on or before the date set out opposite in column 3 of the Schedule;

“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;

“smallpox” means a severe, contagious, febrile disease caused by *Poxvirus variolae*, attracting ICD code 050.

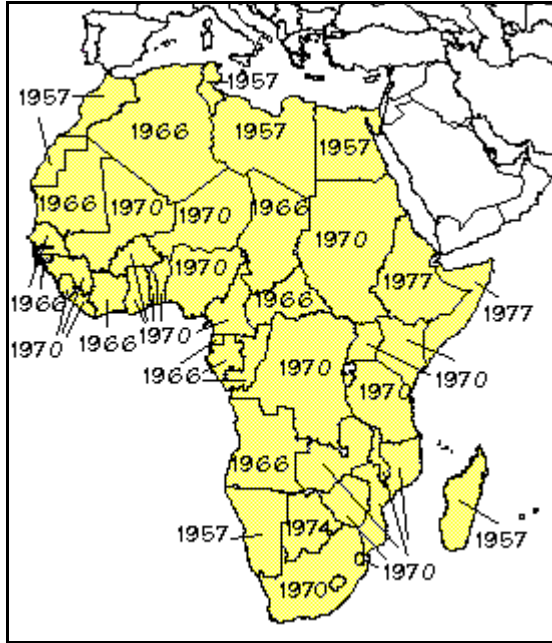
Schedule

column 1	column 2	column 3
1	<p>United Kingdom Finland Germany (including the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic) Poland Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Czechoslovakia Portugal Spain Switzerland Italy Greece Albania Yugoslavia Bulgaria Romania Hungary Austria France Belgium</p> <p>Note: the endemic area is the geographic area of the relevant country as at 1982.</p>  <p>Note: the shaded areas shown in the map are indications of the countries described above.</p>	<p>1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 31 December 1953 31 December 1948 1 September 1921 31 December 1947 31 December 1944 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921 1 September 1921</p>

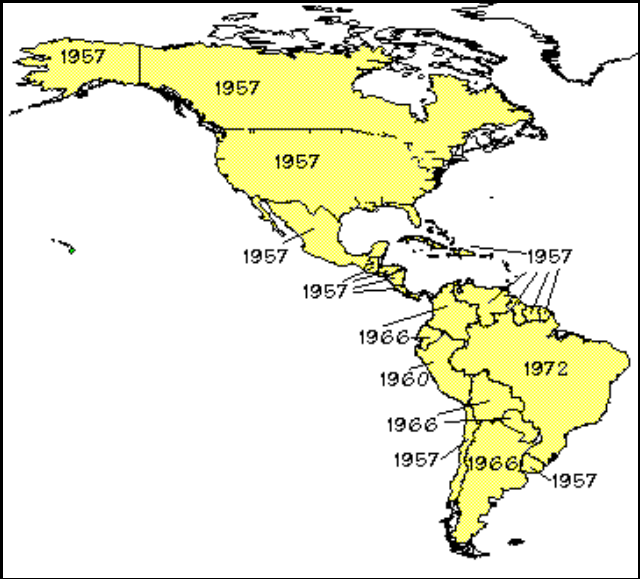
2	<p>Afghanistan Bangladesh Bhutan Brunei Burma (Myanmar) Cambodia Peoples Republic of China India Indonesia Japan Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea Republic of Korea Laos Malaysia Nepal Pakistan Philippines Thailand Vietnam</p> <p>Note: the endemic area is the geographic area of the relevant country as at 1995.</p>  <p>Note: the shaded areas shown in the map are indications of the countries described above.</p>	<p>31 December 1972 31 December 1975 31 December 1920 31 December 1960 31 December 1965 31 December 1959 31 December 1961 31 December 1975 31 December 1972 31 December 1951 31 December 1954 31 December 1954 31 December 1953 31 December 1960 31 December 1975 31 December 1974 31 December 1949 31 December 1962 31 December 1959</p>
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4.	<p> Argentina Belize Bolivia Brazil Canada Chile Colombia Costa Rica Ecuador Falkland Islands French Guiana Guatemala Guyana Honduras Mexico Nicaragua Panama Paraguay Peru Suriname United States of America Uruguay Venezuela West Indies </p> <p>Note: the endemic area is the geographic area of the relevant country (or group of countries) as at 1995.</p>  <p>Note: the shaded areas shown in the map are indications of the countries described above.</p>	<p> 31 December 1966 31 December 1957 31 December 1966 31 December 1972 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1966 31 December 1957 31 December 1966 31 December 1966 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1966 31 December 1960 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 31 December 1957 </p>
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Dated this *Thirteenth* day of *April* 1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN