Statement of Principles

concerning

ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY

ICD CODE: 277.6

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

- 1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and death from alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency 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 alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency or death from alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency.
- 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 **alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency** was suffered prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

- (b) the relationship suggested between the **alpha-1** antitrypsin **deficiency** 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:

"alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency" means an hereditary disorder characterised by reduced serum levels of alpha-1 antitrypsin, attracting ICD code 277.6;

"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