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Amendment of Statement of Principles
concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE PROSTATE

ICD CODE: 185

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the Act), Instrument No.95 of 1995, (Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the prostate), by:

1. omitting the factor (b) from paragraph 1, and replacing it with the following:

“(b) increasing animal fat consumption by at least 40%, and to at least 70gm/day for at least 20 years before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the prostate; or

(c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the prostate.”;

2. omitting paragraph 2, and replacing it with the following:

“2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factors set out in paragraphs 1(a) to 1(c) must be related to any service rendered by a person.”;
3. omitting the words “paragraph 1(b)” from paragraph 3, and replacing them with the following words:

“paragraph 1(c)”; 

4. omitting the definitions from paragraph 4, and replacing them with the following:

“animal fat’ means fat contained in or derived from:

(a) beef, veal, pork, mutton or lamb or offal which may be in any form, for example, main dish, sandwich or mixed dish; in preserved meats, ham, frankfurters, sausages, salami, bologna, deli meat items, lard and bacon; and

(b) dairy products, for example: milk, cream, sour cream, sherbet or ice milk, icecream, yogurt, cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cream cheese, other cheese and butter;

'being exposed to herbicides in Vietnam' may be said to have occurred only if the person had, before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the prostate:

(a) rendered more than 30 days service on land in Vietnam; or

(b) regularly eaten fish, fish products, crustaceans, shellfish or meat from Vietnam; or

(c) regularly eaten food cooked with water from Vietnam discoloured by sediment, or regularly drunk water from Vietnam discoloured by sediment; or

(d) regularly inhaled dust in a defoliated area in Vietnam or regularly inhaled herbicide fog in Vietnam; or

(e) sprayed or decanted herbicides in Vietnam as an occupational requirement;

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'malignant neoplasm of the prostate' means a malignant neoplasm of the cells of the prostate gland, attracting ICD code 185.”;

5. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.95 of 1995 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this Ninth day of December 1996

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN