

Amendment Statement of Principles

concerning

**CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKAEMIA/SMALL LYMPHOCYTIC LYMPHOMA**

**No. 38 of 2016**

for the purposes of the

*Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*

and

*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma No. 38 of 2016.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*,Statement of Principles concerning chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma Instrument No. 84 of 2014, by:
3. Replacing existing factor "(a)" in clause 6 with the following:

"(a) being exposed to benzene as specified:

(i) for a cumulative total of at least 2 500 hours within a continuous period of five years before the clinical onset of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma; and

(ii) where the first exposure in that period occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma; or";

1. Inserting new factor "(aa)" following factor "(a)" in clause 6 as follows:

"(aa) receiving greater than ten ppm-years of cumulative exposure to benzene before the clinical onset of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma, and where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma; or";

1. Replacing the definition of "being exposed to benzene" in clause 9 with the definition of "being exposed to benzene as specified" as follows:

'**"being exposed to benzene as specified"**means:

1. having cutaneous contact with liquids containing benzene greater than 1% by volume; or
2. ingesting liquids containing benzene greater than 1% by volume; or
3. inhaling benzene vapour where such exposure occurs at an ambient 8-hour time-weighted average benzene concentration exceeding five parts per million;'; and
4. Inserting a definition of "ppm-years" in alphabetical order in clause 9 as follows:

'**"ppm-years"** means parts per million multiplied by years of exposure;'.

1. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No. 84 of 2014, section 120A of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* and section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.
2. The amendments made by this instrument take effect from 4 April 2016.

Dated this fourth day of March 2016

The Common Seal of the )

Repatriation Medical Authority )

was affixed at the direction of: )

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO

CHAIRPERSON