

# Statement of Principles

concerning

## **HEPATITIS A**

ICD CODE: 70.0, 70.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986  
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **hepatitis A and death from hepatitis A** 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 factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **hepatitis A or death from hepatitis A** with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) living in conditions of overcrowding or poor hygiene within the 60 days before contracting hepatitis A; or
  - (b) having received, within the 60 days before contracting hepatitis A, a blood transfusion or blood products injection; or
  - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for hepatitis A.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs 1(a) to 1(c) must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph 1(c) applies only where:

