Statement of Principles

concerning

DENGUE FEVER

ICD CODE: 061, 065.4

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(3)

- 1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **dengue fever** and **death from dengue fever** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **dengue fever** or **death from dengue fever** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) being exposed to dengue viruses types 1, 2, 3, or 4 not more than eight days before developing the disease; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the dengue fever.
- Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in subparagraphs 1(a) to 1(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 **dengue fever** 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 **dengue fever** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), or 70(5)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

"dengue fever" means a viral infection due to dengue viruses types 1, 2, 3, or 4, attracting ICD code 061 or 065.4;

"endemic area" means an area described in the Schedule to this instrument;

"exposure to dengue viruses types 1, 2, 3, or 4" can be presumed if the person was in an endemic area at a time when the Schedule specifies that the area was endemic for those viruses;

"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.

Schedule

Table 1—endemic areas before 1 January 1970

The following States within the United States of America: Alabama • Arkansas • Delaware • District of Colombia • Florida • Georgia • Hawaii • Louisiana • • Mississippi • North Carolina Oklahoma • South Carolina • Tennessee • • Texas • Virginia Mexico West Indies Central America That area of South America north of latitude 35 degrees South of the Equator The continent of Africa and related islands Madagascar Yemen Spain That area of France south of latitude 45 degrees North of the Equator Italy Greece Albania The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Bulgaria Turkey Syria Iraq Jordan Israel Pakistan India Bangladesh Sri Lanka Myanmar (Burma) Thailand Malaysia Indonesia Vietnam Laos Cambodia

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That area of China south of 34 degrees North of the Equator and within 300 kilometres of the South China Sea or East China Sea.

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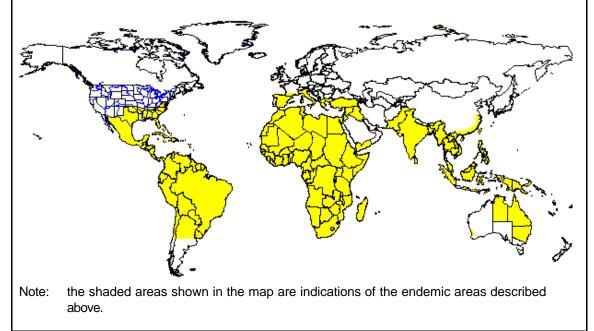
Any island in the Pacific Ocean within the area bounded:

- in the North by the Tropic of Cancer;
- in the South by the Tropic of Capricorn;
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- in the West by longitude 120 degrees East.

The following States or Territories or areas of Australia:

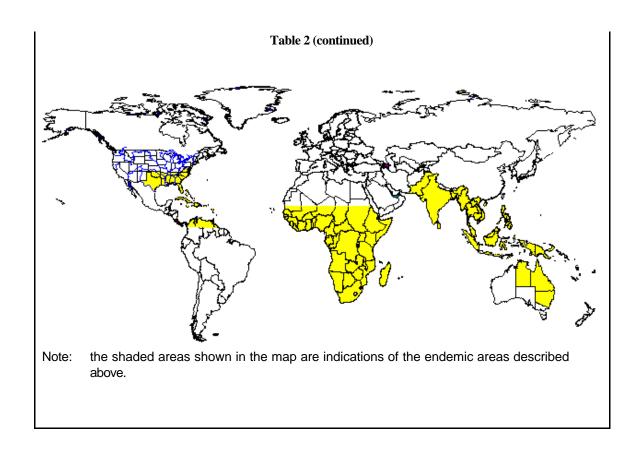
- Northern Territory
- Queensland
- New South Wales
- Australian Capital Territory
- Christmas Island
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- that part of Western Australia within 200 kilometres of Perth.

Note: where an endemic area is identified by the name of a country, the endemic area is the geographic area of the relevant country as at 1995.



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Table 2—endemic areas on or after 1 January 1970



Dated this

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April

1995

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

> **KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN**