

# Statement of Principles

concerning

## **SARCOIDOSIS**

**ICD CODE: 135**

**Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986**  
**subsection 196B(2)**

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **sarcoidosis** and **death from sarcoidosis** 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* (the Act), that the factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **sarcoidosis** or **death from sarcoidosis** with the circumstances of that service, is:
  - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for sarcoidosis.
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 **sarcoidosis** 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 **sarcoidosis** 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:

**“ICD code”** means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the Australian Version of The International Classification of Diseases, 9th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), effective date of 1 July 1995, copyrighted by the National Coding Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 0 642 22235 5;

**“sarcoidosis”** means a chronic, multisystem disorder of unknown cause characterised by an accumulation of T Lymphocytes and mononuclear phagocytes, noncaseating epithelioid granulomas, and derangement of the normal tissues architecture in affected organs, attracting ICD code 135.

Dated this **Eighteenth** day of **July**  
1995

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN