

Statement of Principles

concerning

DENGUE FEVER

ICD CODE: 061, 065.4

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **dengue fever** and **death from dengue fever** 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 factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **dengue fever** or **death from dengue fever** 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.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **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), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(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 Columbia
- 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

Table 1 (continued)

Taiwan

Hong Kong

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.

Philippines

Papua New Guinea

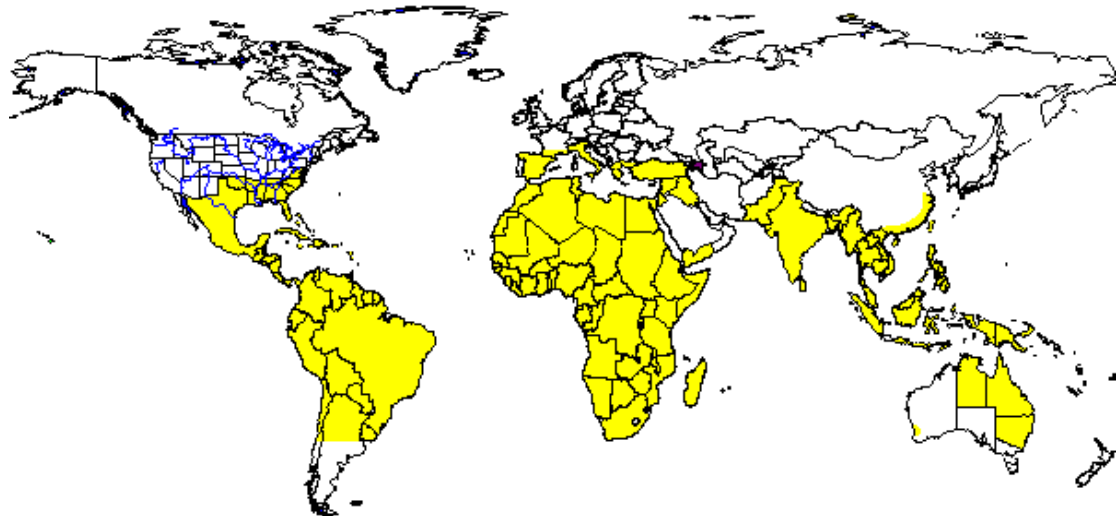
Any island in the Pacific Ocean within the area bounded:

- in the North by the Tropic of Cancer;
- in the South by the Tropic of Capricorn;
- in the East by the Americas;
- 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.



Note: the shaded areas shown in the map are indications of the endemic areas described above.

Table 2—endemic areas on or after 1 January 1970

The following States within the United States of America:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia

West Indies

That area of South America north of latitude 6 degrees North of the Equator

The area of the continent of Africa (and related islands) south of latitude 14 degrees North

Madagascar

Pakistan

India

Bangladesh

Sri Lanka

Myanmar (Burma)

Thailand

Malaysia

Indonesia

Vietnam

Laos

Cambodia

Philippines

Papua New Guinea

Any island in the Pacific Ocean within the area bounded:

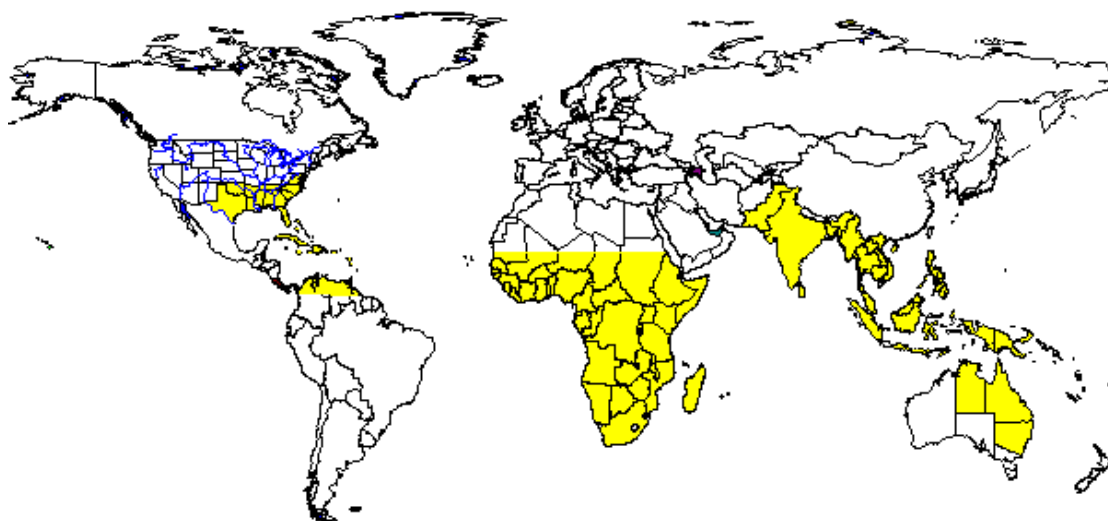
- in the North by the Tropic of Cancer;
- in the South by the Tropic of Capricorn;
- in the East by the Americas;
- in the West by longitude 120 degrees East.

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- Northern Territory
- Queensland
- New South Wales
- Australian Capital Territory
- Christmas Island
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

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.

Table 2 (continued)



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Dated this *Thirteenth* day of *April* 1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN