

Amendment of Statement of Principles
concerning

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.99 of 1996, as amended by Instrument No.185 of 1996 and Instrument No.18 of 2002 by:

- A. in paragraph 5, deleting factor (e) and inserting in its place the following factor:

“(e) having a BMI of 35 or greater at the time of sudden unexplained death; or”

- B. in paragraph 6, deleting the definition of “**being morbidly obese**” and inserting after the definition of “**blow to the chest**” the following:

““**BMI**” means body mass index and is calculated as follows:

The BMI = W/H^2 where:

W is the person's weight in kilograms; and

H is the person's height in metres;”

2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.99 of 1996, as amended by Instrument No.185 of 1996 and Instrument No.18 of 2002 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this *Seventh* day of *October*
2003

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN