Amendment Statement of Principles concerning HYPERTENSION

No. 89 of 2019

for the purposes of the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning hypertension No. 89 of 2019.


(A) Amending paragraph 6 by inserting new factors (pa), (pb), (ffa) and (ffb) as follows:

"(pa) inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a phenoxy acid herbicide from the specified list:

(i) for a cumulative period of at least 1 000 hours within a consecutive period of ten years, before the clinical onset of hypertension; and

(ii) where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of hypertension; and

(iii) where that exposure has ceased, the clinical onset of hypertension has occurred within 25 years of cessation; or"
"(pb) inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a chemical agent contaminated by 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin (TCDD):
(i) for a cumulative period of at least 1 000 hours within a consecutive period of ten years, before the clinical onset of hypertension; and
(ii) where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of hypertension; and
(iii) where that exposure has ceased, the clinical onset of hypertension has occurred within 25 years of cessation; or"

"(ffa) inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a phenoxy acid herbicide from the specified list:
(i) for a cumulative period of at least 1 000 hours within a consecutive period of ten years, before the clinical worsening of hypertension; and
(ii) where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical worsening of hypertension; and
(iii) where that exposure has ceased, the clinical worsening of hypertension has occurred within 25 years of cessation; or"

"(ffb) inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a chemical agent contaminated by 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin (TCDD):
(i) for a cumulative period of at least 1 000 hours within a consecutive period of ten years, before the clinical worsening of hypertension; and
(ii) where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical worsening of hypertension; and
(iii) where that exposure has ceased, the clinical worsening of hypertension has occurred within 25 years of cessation; or"

(B) Amending paragraph 7 by inserting the words, "including paragraphs 6(ffa) and 6(ffb)" , after the phrase, "Paragraphs 6(q) to 6(gg)"; and

(C) Amending paragraph 9 by inserting in alphabetical order the following definitions:

"inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a chemical agent contaminated by 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin (TCDD)" means:
(a) decanting or spraying;
(b) cleaning or maintaining equipment used to apply;
(c) being sprayed with;
(d) handling or sawing timber treated with;
(e) being in an environment shrouded in dust from timber treated with; or
(f) using cutting oils contaminated with;

one of the following chemicals:

(i) 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid;
(ii) 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxypropionic acid;
(iii) 2,4,5-trichlorophenol;
(iv) 2-(2,4,5-trichlorophenoxy)-ethyl 2,2-dichloroacetate;
(v) o,o-dimethyl-o-(2,4,5-trichlorophenyl)-phosphorothioate;
(vi) pentachlorophenol;
(vii) 2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol;
(viii) 2,4,6-trichlorophenol;
(ix) 1,3,5-trichloro-2-(4-nitrophenoxy)benzene;
(x) 2,4-dichloro-1-(4-nitrophenoxy)benzene; or
(xi) 2,4-dichloro-1-(3-methoxy-4-nitrophenoxy)-benzene;

and

"phenoxy acid herbicide from the specified list" means:

(a) 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D); or
(b) 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T);

3. The amendments made by this instrument commence on 23 September 2019.

Dated 23 August 2019

The Common Seal of the Repatriation Medical Authority was affixed to this instrument at the direction of:

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