

Statement of Principles

concerning

ANCYLOSTOMIASIS

ICD CODE: 126.0 & 126.1

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 **ancylostomiasis** and **death from ancylostomiasis** 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, **ancylostomiasis** or **death from ancylostomiasis** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a)
 - (i) being in an area which is indigenous for ancylostomiasis, as identified in the Schedules; and
 - (ii) where ancylostomiasis was diagnosed while in that area during relevant service or within the 2 years immediately after having been in that area at that time; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for ancylostomiasis.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in subparagraph **1(a)(i)** and paragraph **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 **ancylostomiasis** 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 **ancylostomiasis** 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.

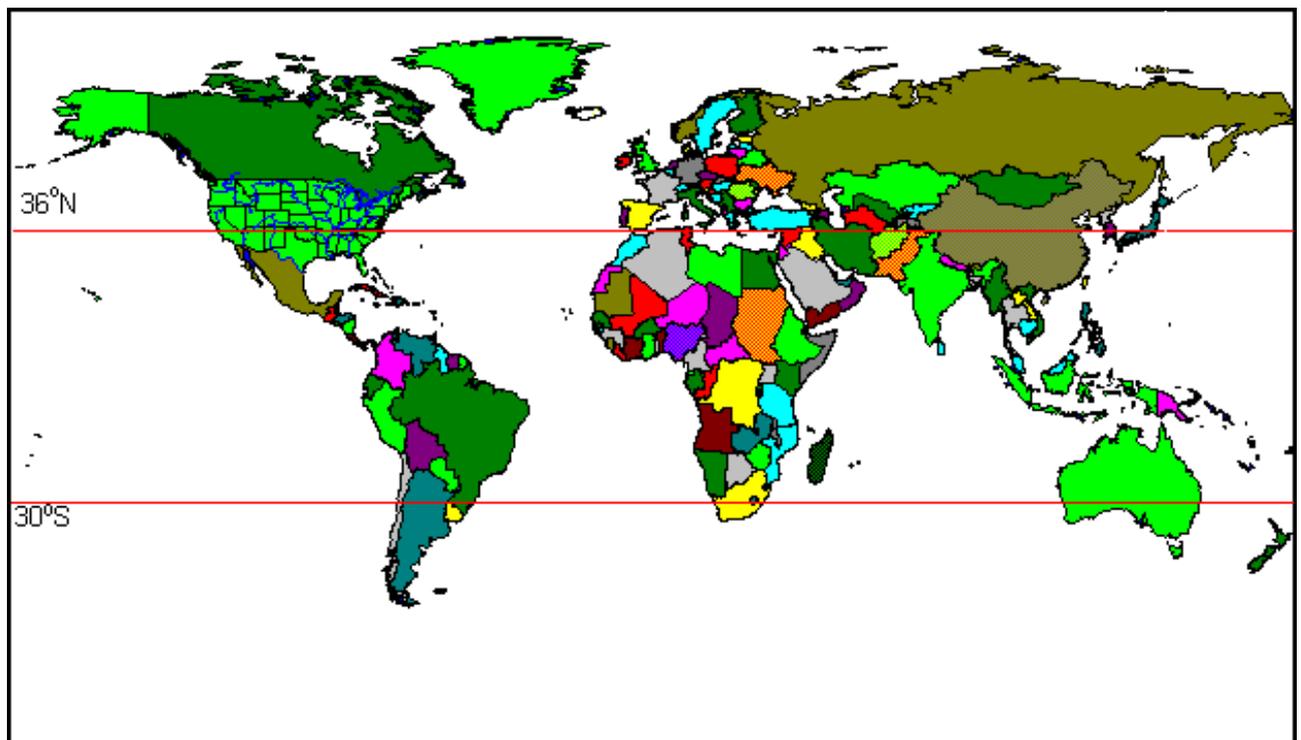
4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“**ancylostomiasis**” commonly known as hookworm disease, means a symptomatic infection in humans caused by *Necator americanus* (ICD code 126.1) or *Ancylostoma duodenale* (ICD code 126.0);

“**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;

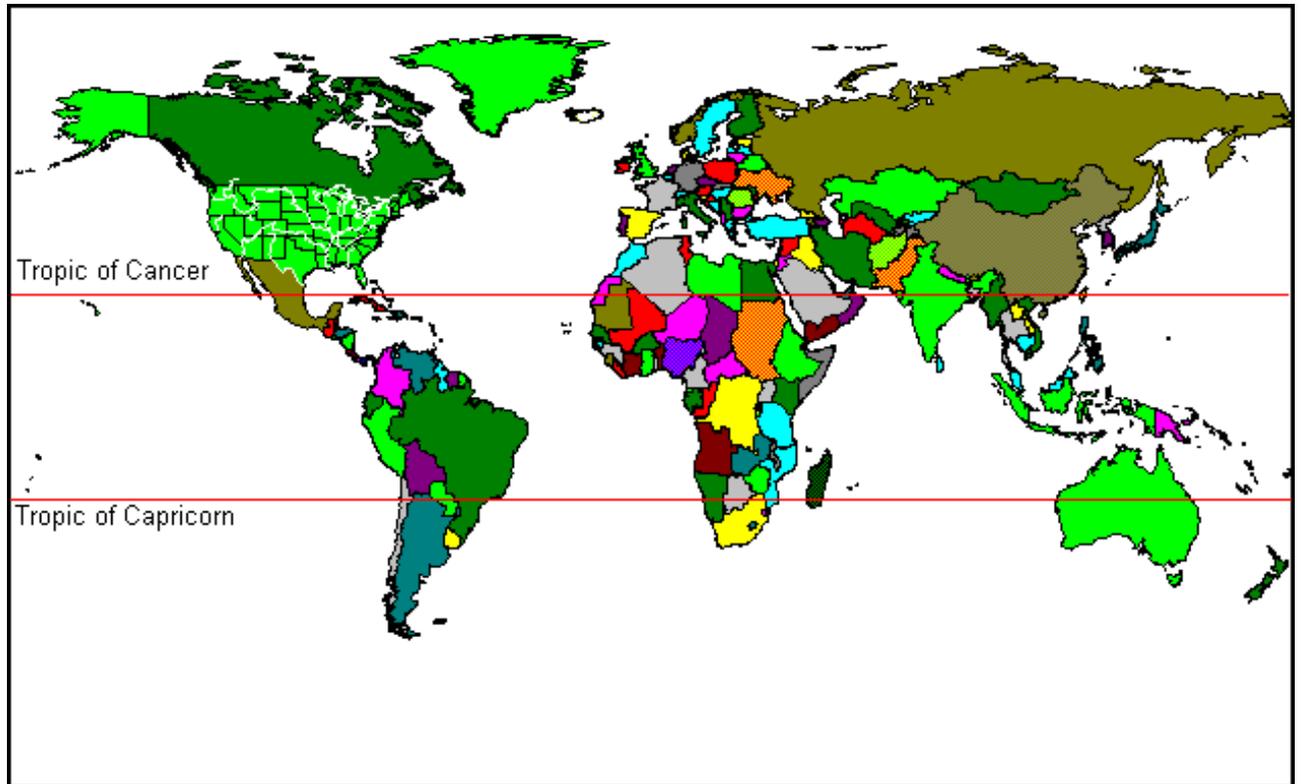
Schedule 1

In relation to infection by *Ancylostoma duodenale*—the area between the latitudes 30 degrees South and 36 degrees North of the Equator.



Schedule 2

In relation to infection by *Necator americanus*—the area between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer.



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