

Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

CONTACT DERMATITIS

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No. 65 of 1997, by:

- A. in clause 7, deleting the definition of **“allergen”**, and inserting in its place the following:

“allergen” means an antigenic substance capable of producing an immune response. Low molecular weight chemical substances which act as haptens are the usual cause of allergic contact dermatitis. Examples of allergens include dyes and their intermediates, oils, resins, coal tar derivatives, chemicals used for fabrics, rubbers, cosmetics, insecticides, the oils and resins of woods and plants, CS agent and coloured smoke, as well as the products or the substances of bacteria, fungi and parasites;

2. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 65 of 1997, and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this *24th* day of *May* 2004

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN