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*5.25 Where the discharge is from an aircraft:
(a) the discharge is be carried out by a person who
holds a GROWSAFE® Pilots' Agrichemical Rating
Certificate and an aerial application organisation
that is AIRCARE™ Accredited*

5.23 For VTA use the clause above should be added

5.53 For fertiliser use the Report currently recommends:

3. The discharge is be carried out by a person who holds a GROWSAFE® Pilots' Agrichemical Rating Certificate or an organisation that holds an AIRCARE™ Accreditation

This should be changed to read:

The discharge is be carried out by an organisation that is AIRCARE™ Accredited

NZAAA:

- Recognises the value of ground-based industries to the NZ Economy
- Recognises the threats to ground-based industries from other sectors that may be less informed. (UK & Europe)
- Proactively seeks to assure its continued services by always delivering best practice

Best practice:

- **Neighbours notified**
- **Right product, right rate, right time, right place**
- **No adverse effects (no product off-target)**
- **Verification of task**

What do Regional Councils want?

- Neighbours notified
- Right product, right rate, right time, right place
- No adverse effects (No product off-target)
- No hassles!

How do Councils achieve their goals?

- Require pilot competence
- There's an assumption that if pilots are competent they will never cause adverse effects.....
- NZAAA promotes a different approach to give some assurance that Councils achieve their goals



**An industry led best practice
accreditation programme that is
based on managing risk**

The AIRCARE™ Programme has three elements

- Pilot Competence (GROWSAFE® Pilots Agrichemical Rating Certificate)
- Aerial company has to be able to demonstrate that its pilots comply with your rules every time they go to work
- Independent audit

Certification vs Accreditation

Are they the same?

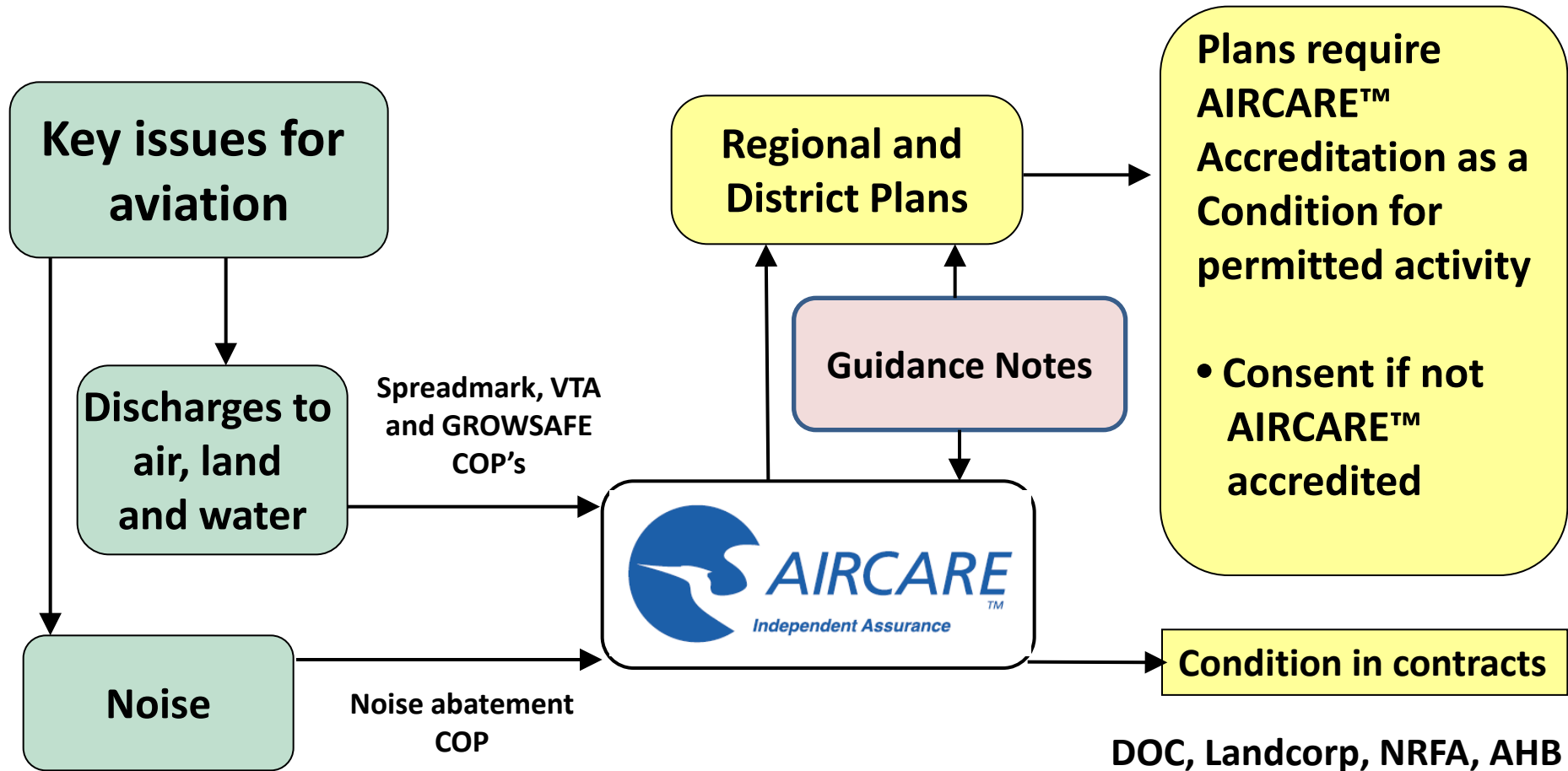
Certification is a personal qualification

Accreditation is achieved by a business
Confirmation that an organisation has
demonstrated compliance with
selected rules and standards

Certification retained

Accreditation can be removed

AIRCARE™ and Plan linkages



Benefits

- Councils can have much greater confidence that its requirements are being met
- Critics can be assured that the environment is protected
- The aerial Ag industry and its land-based customers have an assured future

Risks to Council

- AIRCARE™ is available to NZAAA members and non-members
- Cost of AIRCARE™ to companies may initially be \$5K but with ongoing costs of \$1200 per annum once operators are established in the programme

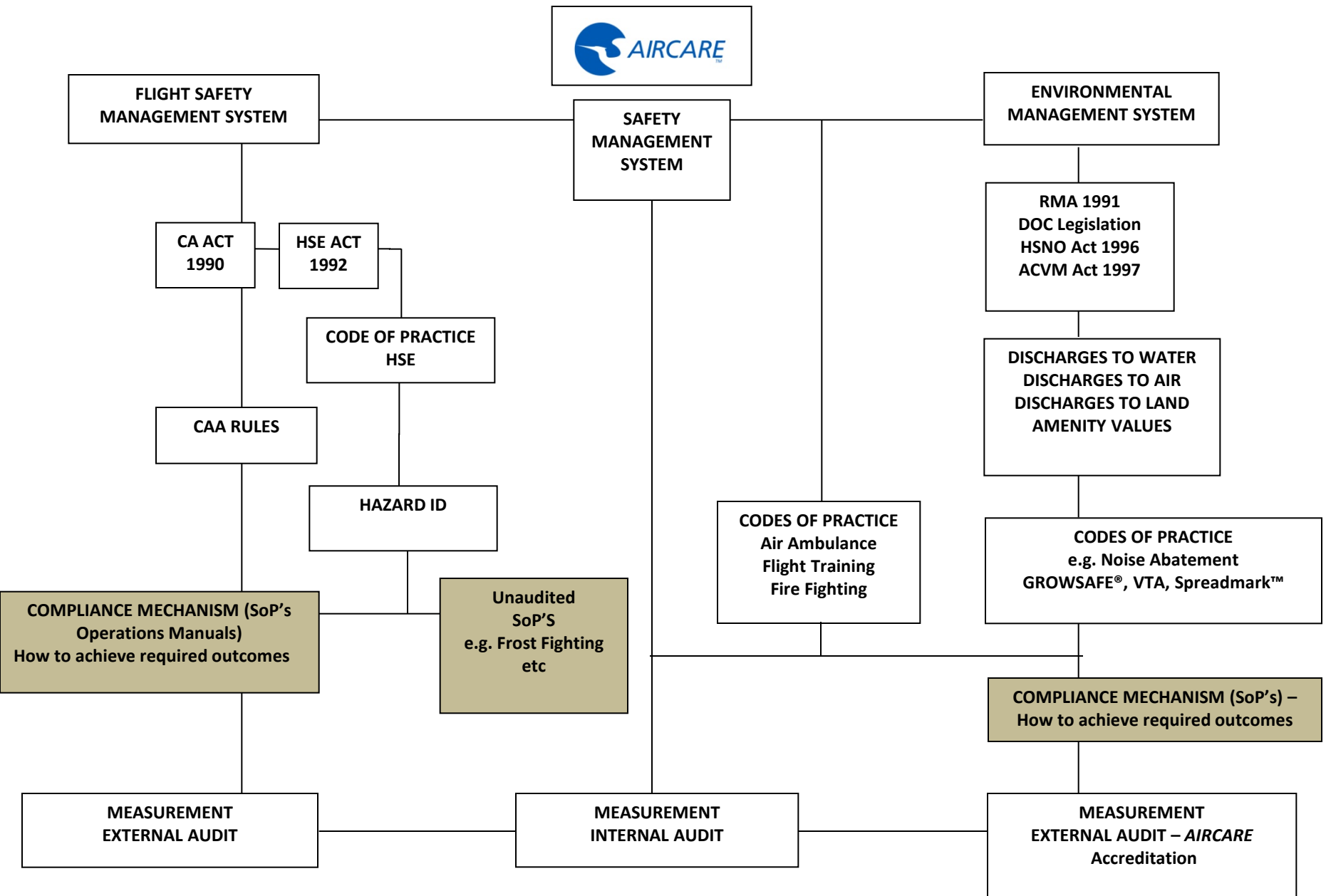
Precedent

The Auckland Unitary Draft Plan requires AIRCARE™ Accreditation as a condition of *permitted activity* to apply both agrichemicals and VTA by air

QUESTIONS?

This side is mandated

What about this side?



AIRCARE™ relies on partnerships with regulators/customers