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# The Pilot role in SMS

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# Objective

Highlight the importance  
of the pilot as key role in  
SMS

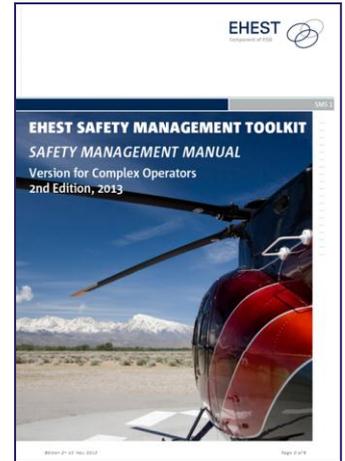


# Introduction

- Safety is not absolute
- SMS continue to develop
- Little focus on *Proactive Safety Management*
- Compliance vs Safety Performance
- Pilots must be involved



# EASA SMS Tool kit



- We welcome the initiative
- “A Copy-Paste” is not a suitable solution
- EASA => SMM => Living Document
- Standardization, coordination and cooperation across EASA state members



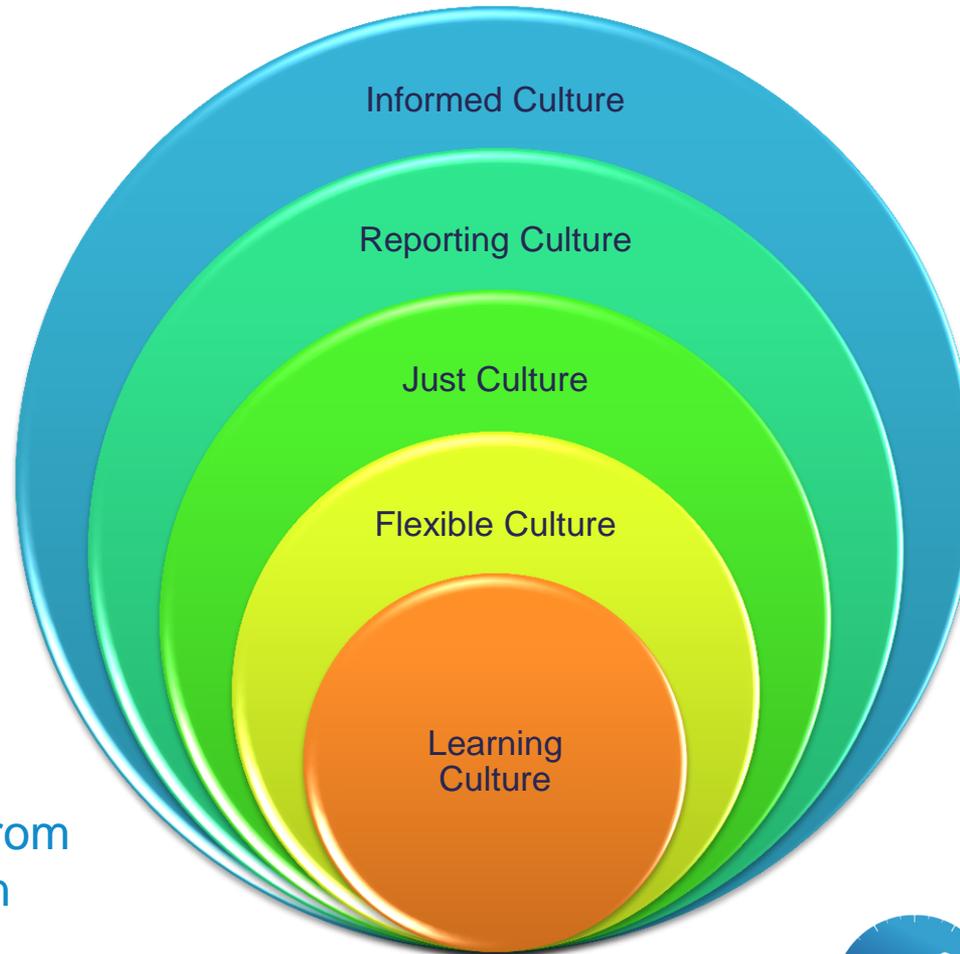
# Safety Culture

- Safety first, really?
- What we have (policies, documents...)
- What we are and what we do is next
- Safety Culture is nothing we can comply with. It is or it is not part of us.
- Just culture
- Protection of reporters



A safety culture exists only within an organization where each individual, regardless of their position, assumes an active role in error prevention

*Gary Eiff, Purdue University*



Adapted from  
J. Reason

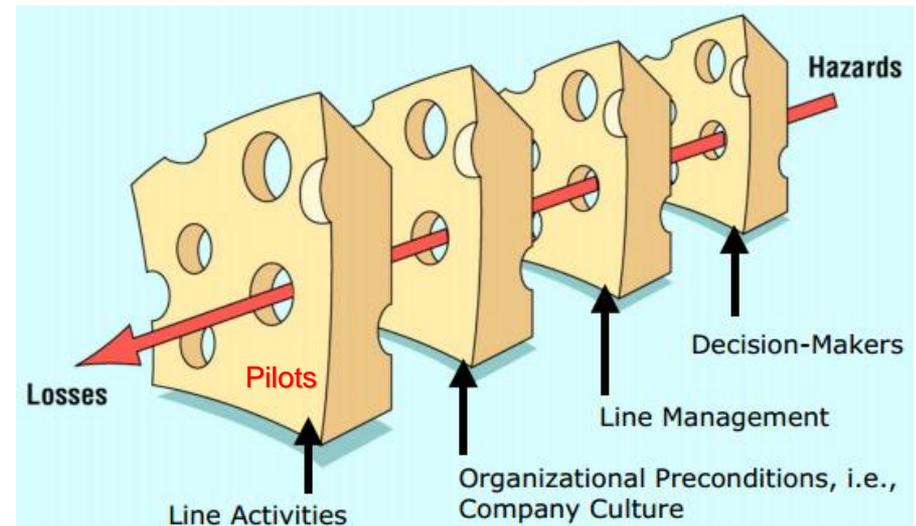
# Responsibilities

- Responsibilities are well identified across levels within the SMS framework
- Where are the pilots? Simply customers?
- “Users & Victims” of the system
- To managing risks, detecting errors, diminishing the incidence and mitigating the consequences



# Safety Risk Management

- Moving to a position of proof
- Pilots are safety managers
- New approach to managing risks where pilots are key



# Safety Risk Management

- SMS is to protect ourselves against active & latent conditions
- Pilots are the only part of the system able to tackle both Active & Latent Conditions
- A top-down hazard identification and risk analysis plan is needed
- Ongoing process in which feedback is key



# Training

- Compliance vs Training
- Training the Pilots in SMS
- Lots of questions and just one answer
  - By reducing certain events the cost benefit ratio automatically increases... so does our safety performance!!!
- Risk Management Training is essential



# Flight Occurrence Report

- Without informations SMS is an empty shell!
- FDR vs Report
- Feedback

No one knows the real performance of the operation better than the operative personnel

*Daniel Mauriño*



# Conclusions I

- Pilots as active player within our SMS
- Training the pilots to safely perform within this new framework is therefore key
- Safety Culture becomes more than a “nice word to have”
- Not simply “users and victims” of the system but “managers”



# Conclusions II

- Pilots are the only part of the system able to tackle both Active & Latent Conditions
- New approach to managing risks where pilots are key
- Risk Management Training is vital
- By becoming so technical we cannot forget the Human Factors involvement & Training



# THANK YOU!

# ¡GRACIAS!

