

Chapter 26

Senior managers and certification regime: Overall and local responsibility

26.11 Link between this chapter and other parts of the senior managers regime

Link between designated senior management functions and this chapter

26.11.1 G

- (1) Having overall or local responsibility for an activity under this chapter requires approval as an *SMF manager*. This is because a *person* who has overall or local responsibility for an activity will be:
 - (a) performing the *other overall responsibility function* or the *other local responsibility function*; or
 - (b) approved to perform another *designated senior management function*.
- (2) The *other overall responsibility function* applies because this is the effect of ■ [SUP 10C.7.1R](#) (definition of *other overall responsibility function*).
- (3) ■ [SUP 10C.7.1R\(2\)](#) says that the *other overall responsibility function* does not apply to a *person* who is approved to perform another *designated senior management function*.
- (4) The *other local responsibility function* applies because this is the effect of ■ [SUP 10C.8.1R](#) (Definition of the *other local responsibility function* (SMF22)).
- (5) ■ [SUP 10C.8.1R\(2\)](#) says that the *other local responsibility function* does not apply to a *person* who is approved to perform another *designated senior management function* in relation to the *branch*.

Link between SYSC 25 Annex 1G and this chapter

26.11.2 G

- (1) The purpose of ■ [SYSC 25 Annex 1G](#) (Examples of the business activities and functions of an SMCR firm) is to help a *firm* to prepare its *management responsibilities map* (see ■ [SYSC 25.7.2G](#)).
- (2) There is no direct link between ■ [SYSC 25 Annex 1G](#) and this chapter.
- (3) However, a *firm* may find ■ [SYSC 25 Annex 1G](#) useful as a prompt to help it make sure that it has not failed to allocate overall or local responsibility under this chapter for a particular activity of the *firm*.

26.11.3 G (4) If a *firm* uses ■ SYSC 25 Annex 1G as a prompt when it allocates overall or local responsibility as described in (3), it should bear in mind that it is not comprehensive (see ■ SYSC 25.7.8G).

26.11.3 G The FCA does not require:

(1) there to be a separate *person* with overall responsibility for each individual business area in ■ SYSC 25 Annex 1G (Examples of the business activities and functions of an SMCR firm); or

a *firm* to allocate functions under this chapter using the same split of business areas as in ■ SYSC 25 Annex 1G.

26.11.4 G **Overall responsibility for internal operations**.....

If a *firm* does not have anyone who performs the *chief operations function* (or the equivalent *PRA-designated senior management function*) the *firm* should allocate responsibility for the functions in ■ SUP 10C.6B.4G (The chief operations function (SMF24)) among its *SMF managers* under this chapter.