

Chapter 26

Senior managers and certification regime: Overall and local responsibility



26.3 Main rules

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A *UK SMCR firm* must ensure that, at all times, one or more of its *SMF managers* have overall responsibility for each of the activities, business areas and management functions of the *firm*.
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(1) An *overseas SMCR firm* must ensure that, at all times, one or more of its *SMF managers* has overall responsibility (subject to the *branch's governing body*) for each of the activities, business areas and management functions of the *branch* that are under the management of the *branch's governing body*.

(2) An *overseas SMCR firm* must ensure that, at all times, one or more of its *SMF managers* has responsibility for each of the activities, business areas and management functions of the *branch* not covered by (1).

(3) An *SMF manager* in (2) must be directly involved in the management of the activity, business area or management function for which they have responsibility under (2).
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An *SMF manager* who has responsibility for an activity, business area or management function under this section:

(1) (in the case of a *UK SMCR firm*) has "overall responsibility";

(2) (in the case of an *overseas SMCR firm*) has "local responsibility";

for that activity, business area or management function.
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A *firm* must make the allocations of responsibilities in this chapter in such a way that it is clear who has which of those responsibilities.