

Chapter 26

Senior managers and certification regime: Overall and local responsibility

26.2 Purpose

- 26.2.1** **G** The purpose of this chapter is to ensure, together (in the case of a *PRA-
authorised person*) with the equivalent *PRA* requirements and the requirements about *FCA-prescribed senior management responsibilities* in ■ SYSC 24 (Senior managers and certification regime: Allocation of prescribed responsibilities), that:
- (1) an *SMF manager* is responsible and accountable for every area of a *firm's* activities;
 - (2) the allocation of responsibilities is done systematically and explicitly; and
 - (3) the process of allocation of responsibilities under this chapter covers every part of a *firm's* activities, business areas and management functions (subject to the exclusions in ■ SYSC 26.4 (Exclusions) without any gaps in what is allocated in this process.
- 26.2.2** **G** The purpose of this chapter is not primarily to ensure that formal responsibility for everything a *firm* does is allocated amongst its senior management. Even without the requirements of this chapter, responsibilities that have not been allocated explicitly would fall to the *chief executive* by default. However, one of the purposes of this chapter is to avoid responsibilities being allocated by implication or by default.
- 26.2.3** **G**
- (1) The allocation of responsibilities under this chapter does not replace the responsibilities of the *chief executive*.
 - (2) If a *firm* allocates responsibilities under this chapter to an *SMF manager* other than the *chief executive*, the *chief executive* will be responsible for managing that *person's* performance of those responsibilities in the same way that the *chief executive* manages that *person's* other responsibilities.
 - (3) A *firm* may allocate responsibilities under this chapter to the *chief executive*.