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

G 26.11.1

- (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

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- (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.

(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.

Overall responsibility for internal operations

26.11.4 G 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.