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## New Policy Clause 5.9 within ASEMS Part 1 – Policy and associated new Guidance.

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### Description

This SEB announces the introduction of Policy Clause 5.9 – Specialist Advice and the associated guidance being introduced within SMP 12 – Safety Case and Safety Case Report. This update comes into effect immediately.

### Background:

Following the AJAX review and Recommendation 7 it was recognised that a new Policy Clause and new guidance were needed on ASEMS to ensure that the correct actions are taken on receipt of specialist advice being received and where the decision has been made not to follow this specialist advice.

Wording for the new Policy Clause and associate guidance has been agreed at the ASSG.

### Headline changes are as follows:

- New Policy Clause 5.9 – Specialist advice, has been added to [Part 1/Policy/Clause](#) section 5 – Risk Management.
- Two new paragraphs of guidance have been added to [SMP12](#) under section 12.2/Procedure at 12.2.18 with the heading Considering Specialist Advice.

**Actions to be taken**

1. For cascading as appropriate

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