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8. Exception / Escalation

Return uncertainty so someone can act without stopping unrelated work unnecessarily.

Date / Time	Project / Initiative	Record / Tracking No.	Status / Version

Purpose	Describe the smallest consequential decision, its evidence, dependency, and safe independent work.
Use when	a conflict, missing permission, evidence gap, or consequence exceeds the executor's authority.
Book / Guide reference	The AI-Enabled One-Person Firm — Practitioner Field Guide 6.A–6.C
Affected Deliverable / Task	**Exception / Conflict / Missing Authority**
Key questions	• What is established? • What remains unresolved? • What work depends on the answer? • Who can decide?
Key considerations	• Hold only dependent work • Evidence vs inference • Smallest decision needed • Consequences of proceeding
Possible next moves	• Request information • Seek specialist review • Preserve uncertainty • Escalate decision
Governing Source / Evidence	
Decision Returned / Direction	

Dependent Work Updated / Rechecked