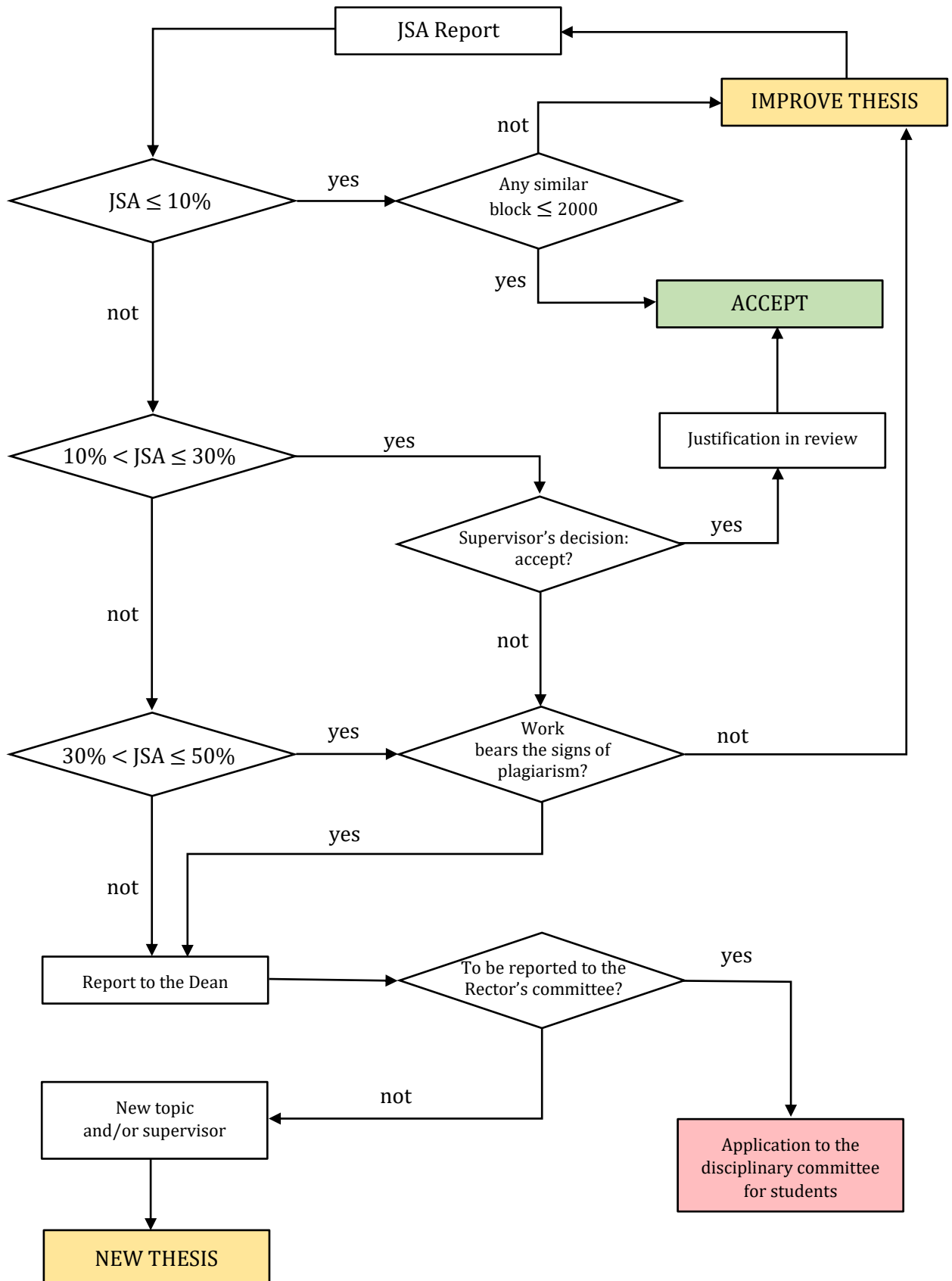


RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED ACCORDING TO THE SIMILARITY INDEX, OBTAINED AFTER VERIFICATION OF THE THESIS IN THE ANTI-PLAGIARISM SYSTEM

1. Bearing in mind the necessity to ensure the quality of the thesis and the students' observance of the principles of ethics and respect for intellectual property rights in the process of preparing the thesis (§13, point 1, paragraph 8 of the Rules and Regulations of the University, dated 24.04.2019), the Faculty Education Quality Team recommends the following rules of conduct to the supervisors of the theses prepared at the Faculty of Economics of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, depending on the similarity index obtained after checking the thesis in the Unified Anti-Plagiarism System (JSA):
 - a. **with a similarity index of no more than 10%**, it is recommended to accept the result, provided that no single block of text indicated as similar to another work exceeds 2,000 characters (without spaces); if such a block occurs, the work should be corrected,
 - b. **with a similarity index higher than 10%, but not exceeding 30%**, it is left to the discretion of the promoter whether the work should be accepted or revised, until the level of the index referred to in (a) is reached;
 - c. **with a similarity index higher than 30%, but not exceeding 50%**, it is left to the promoter's discretion whether the work should be revised until the index referred to in (a) is achieved, or whether the work bears sufficient signs of plagiarism and the procedure referred to in (d) should be launched;
 - d. **with a similarity index exceeding 50%**, the promoter shall discontinue work with the student and report the case to the Dean of the Faculty, who shall determine a new thesis topic and may make the appointment of a new thesis promoter; in exceptional situations, the Dean shall decide whether to refer the case to the disciplinary committee for students referred to in §124, paragraph 1, item 1) of the ICU Statute with suspicion of plagiarism.
2. The promoter may accept the work in the cases referred to in (1.b) or (1.c), if this is justified by the nature of the work, in particular, the references in the work to legal acts or other source documents that are cited in the work in their original wording and annotated accordingly, and the work, in the promoter's opinion, does not bear the marks of plagiarism.
3. The promoter may use the procedure referred to in (1.d) regardless of the level of the similarity index if there is a suspicion of plagiarism of another work that has not been detected by the Uniform Anti-Plagiarism System.
4. The promoter enters the obtained result of the similarity index in the review of the thesis (point 12. Justification of the evaluation). When accepting the thesis in cases referred to in items (1.b) or (1.c), the promoter additionally justifies the decision in the review.
5. The thesis supervisors are obliged to acquaint seminarians with the content of the recommendations.

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The recommendation was approved by the Faculty's Teaching Quality Board and the Deans' Council on April 15, 2021 and is effective upon adoption.