An SPF is a current or former:

- senior official in the executive, legislative, administrative, military or judicial branches of a government, whether elected or appointed, or paid or not; or
- senior official of a major political party; or
- senior executive of a government-owned or government-funded corporation, institution or Charity.

The definition of SPF encompasses both foreign and domestic SPFs.

Close Associates and Immediate Family Members

In addition, the definition of an SPF includes the "close associates" and "immediate family members" of an SPF. A close associate is a person (i) who is widely and publicly known to have a close association with an SPF, or (ii) who is actually known by the Business to be a close associate of the SPF, even if the association is not widely known. The immediate family members of an SPF include, for example, spouses, domestic partners, parents, siblings, children, step-children, the spouses of children, and a spouse's parents and siblings.