

Appendix 1 – HMG Security Policy Framework

All information assets must be classified and labelled in accordance with the HMG Security Policy Framework (SPF). The classification will determine how the document should be protected and who should be allowed access to it. Any system subsequently allowing access to this information should clearly indicate the classification.

The SPF requires information assets to be protectively marked into one of 3 classifications. HMG operates a Classification Policy to identify and value information according to its sensitivity and to drive the right protections. This comprises three levels: OFFICIAL, SECRET and TOP SECRET for which there are distinct security arrangements. OFFICIAL covers most of the day-to-day business of government, service delivery, commercial activity and policy development.

Further details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework>

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