

What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep name confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

Taking iTunes as an example the music industry insisted that music sold on iTunes had to have DRM. This was opposed by many and when finally Apple removed DRM from music sold on iTunes it found this was welcomed by customers and did not harm sales, nor did it harm the copyright holders.

The ability to record TV in order to time-shift (watch it later) is extremely valuable and DRM (content management) will harm this. DRM does not protect the copyright holders as criminals will always be able to break DRM. The only people to suffer from DRM are innocent everyday consumers/customers.

Question 1: Do you agree that copy management would broaden the range of HD content available on DTT and help secure its long term viability as a platform? :

No. I think it would have the opposite effect and actually harm the take up of HD by the public.

Question 2: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed multiplex licence amendment represents the most appropriate means for securing an effective content management system on HD DTT? :

No.

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed change to Condition 6 in the Multiplex B Licence? :

No.

Question 4: Do you agree that Multiplexes C and D should be granted a similar amendment to their Licences as Multiplex B?. :

No.

Question 5: Do you agree that the BBC?s proposed approach for implementing content management would safeguard citizens and consumers legitimate use of HD content, and if not, what additional guarantees would be appropriate? :

No. The idea of needing to protect content against your customers/citizens/consumers is awful. It is essentially calling your own customers criminals.

Question 6: Do you agree that the BBC?s proposed choice of content management technologies will have only a negligible impact on the cost of HD DTT receivers and their interoperability with other HD consumer equipment? . :

No. It will cause additional expense which will be borne by the consumers. So not only are the consumers being treated like criminals, but they'll have to pay extra for the privilege of being insulted.

Question 7: Do stakeholders agree that the BBC?s proposed Huffman Code licensing arrangements would have a negligible effect on the market for HD DTT receivers? :

No.

Question 8: Do the BBC?s proposed content management states and their permitted use for different categories of HD content meet the requirements of other HD broadcasters on DTT? . :

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Question 9: Are there any issues that you consider Ofcom should take into account in assessing the BBC?s proposal, that have not been addressed by this consultation?:

Ofcom ought to be concerned about the rights of the public rather than the rights of paranoid copyright holders. DRM has never provided copyright holders any true protection. Consumers should be allowed to record TV in order to watch later, and Ofcom ought to protect this right.