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Yes

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Yes

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Yes

Additional comments:

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, if anything it would lessen the range of HD content available in the UK as people would be less willing to buy even more expensive HD sets (the addition of copy management would

have a negative impact on the cost of a set as no other western country uses the technology) and therefore there would be less perceived demand by the producers

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? :

I am unconvinced that the content management system is needed in the way the consultation describes, let alone desirable.

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

No, this would affect accessibility devices and other access to material. It would prevent fair use of material for educational or other related uses.

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

No, for the same reasons given above.

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? :

I cannot see how what the BBC is wishing to do, could in any way be made to safeguard our existing rights of fair use and our ability to use open source (and hence cheaper) solutions. As an academic this would have a grave impact on what I could use in my teaching and would give a technical impediment to what I could otherwise legally do with the material.

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, definitely not. The hardware increase is obvious, but it also has an impact on the software systems used to access the material and rules out the use of most open source software.

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? . :

No

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?:

This move is potentially illegal unless suitable arrangements for accessibility are made. The whole idea removes many existing freedoms that we have in the UK, with little benefit as most of the material that people may wish to use illegally is readily available from other countries who are not introducing such restrictive and unreasonable technologies.