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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

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

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Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

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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? :

Nonsense. There is no copy protection on US HDTV the largest TV Market in the world.
What programmes will be available on the BBC, but not in the US?

Copy protection schemes only inconvenience legitimate users - they are trivial for pirates to overcome and broadcasters and rights holders know this.

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? :

There is no need for this. There is no "appropriate" scheme. All such schemes inconvenience and hinder legitimate users (consider educational use, review, research, time shifting, libraries) and do NOTHING to prevent piracy as there is no scheme that cannot be trivially overcome.

All secret or licensed copy protection schemes will also mean a single cartel holds the keys to access to television in the UK preventing competition for receiving equipment.

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

No. This will not achieve the vague and nebulous aims the BBC have proposed with their scare mongering.

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. No guarantees are required. US HDTV is not encrypted. No rights holder could reasonably prevent UK broadcasts if unencrypted broadcasts are allowed in the US.

Which rights holders have made these threats? The BBC have no business dealing with such incompetent blackmailers.

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. A single cartel will give a monopoly position. Why should license payees prop up some private body that stands to benefit from this unnecessary tax on TVs?

Even at 1p a time this is an unfair tax.

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 as above. This is a privately levied tax on televisions.

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? . :

Other broadcasters (the whole of the US) do not have these requirements. This whole "requirement" is fictional.

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?:

Who are these rightsholders who are using the BBC to create a private tax on UK TV viewers? There is no such scheme in the much larger US market.

This whole scheme is spurious and should be abandoned.