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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?:

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:

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 DRM is a pre-digital solution to a digital problem. Adding DRM to content will not solve the piracy issue and will only increase the cost for the end use i.e. having to purchase DRM

licensed devices. The US rejected content creators request to insert the Broadcast Flag and this has not affected the range of HD content being broadcast free. Why the BBC feels it is necessary to at this odious restriction to it's broadcasted content is unclear. The question should be how does this advantage the license payer? The BBC is a public body funded by the public it is not the lap dog of the commercial entertainment industry.

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 not in any way

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 adding DRM will just restrict me from using content. I cannot see any justification that because content is broadcast in a higher definition that I should be restricted in what I can legally do with it. Saying this is a lightweight DRM system is a fig leaf as I will still be required to invest in a licensed HD device and consequently restricted in my choice and in all likely hood require me to pay an increased cost.

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 creating a restricted market cannot be good for competition or for 'open source' approaches to technology development. This will restrict competition and increase price for no advantage to those i.e the public who fund the BBC

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? . :

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?: