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Yes

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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? :

This will not, it will confuse users and add to the cost of the hardware.

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? :

Why is a content management system needed? It's already been established that any attempt to protect content will always be cracked. Therefore hindering the average consumer but doing nothing to stop those that really want to copy content to other devices.

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

No. This will achieve very little, the Freesat EPG data has been 'cracked' and the same will happen with Freeview HD mux data. This will mainly happen because people with PC based PVRs (like me) will want access to that data to schedule recordings.

It seems petty and pointless as it will still allow access to the content. The EPG data should remain freely available, as a side effect non-HD users will see what they're missing and could decide to upgrade.

What will happen to users who have equipment that doesn't get the upgrade to allow their STB to decode the si data?

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 as question 3.

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? :

The content doesn't need safeguarding. Whatever content management system is imposed will be broken. As long as the public have access to material it can and will be copied.

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? . :

This can't be assessed easily. If we are the only country that implements this system then manufacturers will have to tweak their hardware just for the UK market which will result in higher hardware costs.

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? :

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?:

Many will feel that BBC content should be freely available to UK viewers. They may feel angry that the broadcaster that they pay for is restricting access to the BBC content.

This proposal will do absolutely nothing to stop the illegal availability of content on the internet. It only serves to get in the way of the average user.