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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? :

No. It is not management, it is restriction. History shows that all restricted systems wither and die compared to open systems using open standards. Content creators thrive when a larger audience can see their product legitimately, leading to follow on sales. If content is constrained by DRM it leads to piracy and the loss of that revenue stream.

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. It could be applied to all content at any stage in the future.

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

No. The industry group has obvious vested interest in controlling the deployment of content.

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. Any content can always be copied by "pirates" and DRM only inconveniences the ordinary consumer.

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 would mean that all receivers had to have a DRM system compatible with all possible portable players, which would not be easy to achieve. What happens in a family where each person has a different portable player and wants to copy the content?

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. It would mean that all receivers had to have a DRM system compatible with all possible portable players, which would not be easy to achieve.

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? . :

Probably

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?:

The current generation of "digital natives" prefer to consume media on a range of devices and rarely watch broadcast TV. The BBC's proposal seems rooted in an outdated viewing pattern and more of a concern for industries protecting their revenue streams than providing a 21st century media distribution solution for the public.