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Ofcom may publish a response summary:

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? :

No, copy management will not broaden the range of HD content available.

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. The availability of the programme guide information should not be restricted to only devices that support the DRM standard.

It would prevent the home enthusiast from designing and developing their own HD capable receiving equipment.

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

No, I think it will restrict and prevent innovation from smaller companies for developing equipment to receive HD broadcasts.

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? :

The proposal is not about safeguarding the citizens and TV licence payers legitimate use of HD recordings; it is purely about the BBC's protection of their commercial interests.

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? . :

If the BBC are allowed to apply the content provision, the HD TV that I have recently bought may not be able to playback HD programmes even with a new HD set top box.

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? :

It is forcing companies to agree, otherwise one of the key benefits of having digital tv (namely the programme guide information) could be unavailable.

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? . :

I suspect that it may cause incompatibilities with other HD broadcasters in the UK and the rest of the world.

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?:

It would seem likely that receiving equipment will have to be unique to the UK. This would mean that either the manufacturers would provide the additional hardware and/or software required on all apparatus that they manufacture, or provide specific UK only equipment.

Either option would increase costs for the manufacturers and hence the consumers, the very people who are currently paying for a TV licence in the first place.