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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 has been proved that free open source techniques provides a larger working base of people able to produce content, as they do not have to pay-in to closed restrictive managed systems.

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 entire proposal to lock or restrict access to BBC produced materials is morally wrong. I have paid my license fee and believe that the content produced with it should be open. I would rather go without third party media (non-BBC produced content) than submit to restrictive practices.

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

No. I strongly disagree with any restrictive content management system.

Question 4: Do you agree that Multiplexes C and D should be granted a similar amendment to their Licences as Multiplex B?. :

No. I strongly disagree with any restrictive content management system.

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 restrictive practice that prevents me from manipulating the transferring the media within my own home is not welcome. Suppose I wish to watch the media in my bedroom but the receiver is in the living room. I am opposed to this in principle and in detail.

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? . :

Yes I agree that the cost implication is likely to be minimal. However I strong disagree with the principal of having to pay extra, however small an amount, for what I have ALREADY paid for via the license fee.

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? :

I believethat the impact would be negative. the Open Source providers would find that they have to include restricting non open segments in their hardware which would plainly not be possible. This proposal would therefore have a negative impact on the Open source community of manufacturers and the people who wish to use their equipment.

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? . :

Although it may seem to meet the requirements I strongly feel that the reality of the implementation will be restrictive. For example if you remember the DRM practices originally implemented by iTunes, they PREVENTED musicians who wanted thier music released without DRM from doing so. I fear that such an implementation would impose restrictions on those who do not wish them inplemented, by accident, by deliberate intention and even by laziness. I suspect the implementation would default to "restrictive" using an opt out system. Opt Out systems are flawed.

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?:

Let me simply reiterate that I object to the proposal