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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, I'm of the opinion that the use of DRM restrictions is fundamentally flawed, by it's very nature it restricts rather than broadens availability.

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? :

What is this securing content? The cost, license fee's, time and new software etc., to implement this pink elephant called "secure content" only to find out that for certain platforms (such as Linux PVR's) will need to break these restrictions simply to work correctly.

Who are you trying to secure the content from?

What are you afraid of?

Poor DVD/Blu-ray sales?

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

No Comment.

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

No Comment.

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, once this is implemented, what is stopping an external production company (such as HBO) from demanding that their shows only be stored on a PVR for a maximum of 3 days?

Once a DRM scheme is implemented all sorts of nonsensical, stupid and irritating restrictions can be placed on "secure content". We, the general public, pay a TV license fee to view this content, we expect it to be easy to access and come with no strings attached as to how we watch and enjoy the service the BBC provides.

I believe it is not within the BBC's remit to dictate how, when we watch and what we watch the content on.

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? . :

Will I have to update my PVR's firmware every 2 weeks as someone publishes decryption keys on the internet? Will my PC/DVB2 card carry on working as I expect it? Will I have to break the law (or use reverse engineering) simply to watch content on my chosen platform (Mac/Unix/Linux)?

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? :

Other than the fact it will destroy the TV/PC card market (who will pay for a card unable to view "secure content"?).

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? . :

No comment.

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 BBC have been broadcasting HD content for several years now. I do not see any benefit for stakeholders in this transition to a DRM solution.

It will cost stakeholders money, buying new equipment which is DRM compatible. It will cost stakeholders further as the new DRM "solution" will be funded from the TV license fee.

At the end of the day it will provide and promote further (possibly intrusive) restrictions to what we currently enjoy at a higher cost.