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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep part of the response confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Just my email address as I'd rather not be spammed thank you.

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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 would just act as a barrier to new devices to consume this content and roll it out to a broader legitimate audience. All copy protection measures up until this point

have been circumvented and are not a barrier to serious pirate efforts which do actually threaten content creators. All it does is punish people who want to create their own devices or use new devices to access the content legitimately.

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, as stated before. Copy management only acts as a barrier to legitimate use by casual users and is an insufficient barrier to dedicated pirates. It only punishes the innocent.

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

No.

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. It would do the exact opposite. It would prevent linux users such as myself from accessing the content. It would also prevent fair use of the content by academics, journalists, parodists and others.

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? . :

It will prevent users like me from being able to take advantage of the service at all. It is a license for the big manufacturers to keep out smaller and homebrew players.

It would make it impossible for me to create a PVR device for myself or others out of reused computer parts.

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.

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.

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?:

Again and as stated above. Copy protection systems are just speedbumps for determined pirates, but are real blockers for casual and innocent users. It is a waste of money, it will deny legitimate users their right to content they have paid for with the license fee and will restrict innovation in the device industry for homebrew makers such as myself.

So as copy protection will not serve the purpose it is meant to and will only harm those who have a legitimate right to the content and will cost a lot of license payers money I can't see how I could support it.