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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 am unconvinced of this argument. It would only serve to harm consumers.

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? :

It must only be implemented if it works to the benefit of broadcasters other than the BBC (for whom the multiplex system is already biased) and in the interests of consumers (re. tuner purchases and freedom to record content)

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

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

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. I am vehemently against the proposal that would serve only to restrict consumers and citizens freedom to use what they have paid for, either through the license fee or advertising.

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? . :

I would imagine that far east manufacturers would promptly create work arounds to whatever content management technology.

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? :

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? . :

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 freedom of the consumer for home recording is very important. To restrict this would achieve no benefit for broadcasters and only frustrate consumers and inflate the price of tuner equipment.