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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? :

I do not. If the BBC offers only a no-DRM platform, then content providers WILL comply. To do otherwise would restrict their audience and potential revenue.

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? :

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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? :

There is little if any need for content management on this. The "consumers" (or licence payers, as we are) have already paid for this programming, and we should be able to record it as we wish and watch it on other devices as appropriate. Restricting this in any way contravenes the spirit of FREEVIEW.

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 think the proposed DRM will restrict entrants to this market, and furthermore the overhead of this will provide the customers with a worse service.

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 BBC is funded by the British public. Therefore, whatever the BBC does has to be in the best interests of the public. Restricting how we can access these programs is ridiculous.

Furthermore, the whole idea of DRM is to restrict copyright infringement (which is itself not a crime, but instead a civil matter), and the notion that DRM will not be broken within weeks is ludicrous. Any DRM can and will be circumvented very quickly, and you can be sure that people will be producing illegal DVDs or whatever very quickly. The only difference will be that the HD receivers will be dearer due to the DRM, slower, and give a sub-optimal service.