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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep name 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:

Yes

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

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

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, additional measures are not needed content should be provided as is, unscrambled and available to a range of devices.

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? . :

No - all receivers will carry a premium from manufacturers to cover working with the proposed content management technology - this penalises both manufacturers and consumers for no reason other than placating unreasonable content providers. Scrambling even parts of their transmission is against the BBC's charter no matter how much legal wrangling and clever wording has been put in place.

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 - additional expense limits the market, the perception of censored/less content will also put people off paying and has the strong chance of driving more people to pirate 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 - they restrict and force standards that are not proven to be the best solution for the public.

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?:

When the USA courts determine a proposal that we are considering too draconian it's time to take a step back and ask why we are so willing to sacrifice consumer and technical freedom, why we are willing to limit ofcom's role, and why we are effectively telling content providers that their profit margin is more important than their customers.

Additionally as US broadcasts are not subject to this ridiculous proposed system it will not prevent content broadcast first in the US from being pirated so is effectively pointless and a complete waste of money.