

Under your planned "Code", subscribers will be able to lodge an appeal against wrongful accusations of infringement. It will apparently cost an Internet account holder £20.00 to do so.

When was it decided that it is lawful to charge a citizen to appeal against any crime?

The criminal justice system was based upon "Innocent until proven guilty". It is despicable that Ofcom could suggest that suspects should be fined before they can challenge any evidence against them.

It is necessary to point out that this is a fine, since the £20 appeal fee is not refunded and separate from the undisclosed "Case Fee".

The "Copyright Infringers List" seems similar to the already failing Sex Offenders List. Many people are on the list for spurious reasons, or incorrectly because there is a difficulty in challenging it. At least in that case, there is a clear and defined pathway to appeals - but there is no charge to plead innocence.

Overall, this legislation is a pathetic waste of time and is only there to satisfy the likes of Peter Mandelson and David Geffen and their massive yacht. How this legislation continues to be considered is unbelievable; not least of all it being pushed through quickly before the last change in government, there has been numerous protests across the world over the similar legislations of ACTA and SOPA.

Those who want to infringe will continue to do so, and this will only catch those too stupid to not be caught. Not only are those the individuals who spend more on media, the rest will not stop simply due to a few letters through the door.

The music, video and media industry in general is profiting more than ever before. It is senseless to bring in laws and regulations for an industry that is thriving! These industry must grow up and realise that unauthorised duplication has gone on for years, and will continue to do so. They should embrace the new technology, instead of suspiciously convincing legislators and governmental departments to pass pointless laws and rules to try and keep them quiet.