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1: Demand and supply of services:

A significant number of people use UHF 'RF daisy chain' connections to route DVD, VCR and STB (e.g. Sky reception) to secondary dual-capable analogue/digital televisions in other parts of their houses.

For example, although I primarily watch either Sky or DTT, I use 3 RF channels to send Sky, VCR and DVD output to my kitchen TV.

2: Technological developments:

There is no real alternative, as yet, to the UHF 'RF daisy chain'; in any case, legacy equipment fitted with RF modulators would be unlikely to be compatible with a new technology for domestic signal distribution.

3: International developments:

Largely irrelevant in a terrestrial environment.

4: Benefits to citizens and consumers:

Sufficient UHF spectrum must remain free for in-house signal distribution unless there are compelling reasons for change.

5: Future timescales:

DTT already includes low-quality and minority channels. There should be an absolute limit to the number of channels permitted and these should only be allocated to good quality broadcasters. Rubbish such as 'adult' and 'shopping' channels should be removed; subscription services should also be deleted.

6: Additional comments:

Too much is being changed too quickly in the DTT world. I urge Ofcom to encourage a return to quality rather than quantity - and to sit on its hands until DTT matures sufficiently for consumer need to be properly understood.