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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

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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 agree. Witness the large amount of HD content being created and uploaded to Youtube, for example. Commercial companies unwilling to produce content without copy protection will be replaced by those who will.

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? :

I do not agree. The BBC has operated for nearly a century without the need to force draconian restrictions on the broadcast of their content. This is supposed to be a public service.

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

I do not.

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

I do not have enough information to answer.

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? :

I do not agree, and in fact consider the exact opposite to be true. Restricting content to "approved" devices removes the ability of consumers to choose cheaper devices and freely available software to replace their current viewing equipment. This "safeguards" no individual's rights, only those of the content producers.

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 do not agree. Enforced unnecessary upgrades of consumer hardware cannot be considered "negligible".

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? :

I do not have enough information to answer.

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? . :

I do not have enough information to answer.

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?: