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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:

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? :

No. Such things are merely an attempt to create a false marketplace. The BBC will have no problem in obtaining HD content to fill the new platform. After all, in this matter, it is the customer, and the customer is King. Are we to honestly believe that content providers would spend millions of pounds producing their programmes, and then decide to let them rot on a shelf and not sell them to a paying customer? Would the BBC be willing to undertake to guarantee absolutely that for instance I would be able to record this on the recorder in my living room and then play it back on the box in my bedroom, or on my linux PC, in return for this change? I care not for the use of the term 'Compatible storage device' as this implies use of another 'licensed product' which will no doubt cost significantly more for the inclusion of this unwanted compatibility.

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, as I see no reason for the BBC to be wasting the license payers' money on a content management system. It survives quite well on current terrestrial and satellite channels without such systems. As has been shown with DVD and Blu-ray content management systems, they never work 100% correctly, will eventually be broken, and only serve to annoy the legitimate user when they fail to work correctly.

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. The only guarantee of legitimate use is to not to use such measures. "Better that ten guilty men go free, than one innocent man be punished" may seem a rather extreme, but as the document notes, users with systems that do not honour this CMS will never suffer problems with their legitimate use of content. Imagine that a license payer experiences a problem whilst involved in legitimate use of content. They have ALREADY been inconvenienced far more than they should be, and yet they have not yet even reported the problem to whoever is responsible. Imagine now the time, phone calls, time taken off work waiting for engineers, and emails that may be necessary to resolve the issues suffered by our innocent party.

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? . :

It is impossible to foresee the consequences resulting from this. It is guaranteed that there will be some cost involved, and we must ask ourselves why even this is necessary?

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? :

It is impossible to foresee the consequences resulting from this. The use of any proprietary standard is always risky from a technical viewpoint. We have already seen issues with proprietary standards used in conjunction with dvb-s and freesat, who is to say what will happen with this?

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 know.

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?:

