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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? :

No - restricting access via content management will negatively impact the customer. There's no evidence that there would be more content with digital rights management (DRM), or less content without DRM, yet the customer will be adversely affected if DRM is introduced.

DRM usually has the effect of preventing legitimate use, whilst having no effect on illegitimate use: those who wish to pirate the content will, and they will always find a way to do this. Yet those who wish to use the content legally are hindered by the DRM.

THIS WILL NOT SECURE VIABILITY AS A PLATFORM, but instead undermine its viability.

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 - it will limit legitimate use whilst having no effect on illegitimate use.

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

No - this is at odds with the BBC's position as a public broadcaster, and not in the interests of the public who fund the BBC.

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

No - this is at odds with the BBC's position as a public broadcaster, and not in the interests of the public who fund the BBC.

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 approach would implement digital rights management that would impact legitimate use of HD content - for example, using open source software for timeshifted viewing of TV (such as the highly developed and widely used linux-based software, MythTV). Use of this equipment is lawful, and thus it is important that legitimate use is not restricted.

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, - the approach would implement digital rights management that would impact legitimate use of HD content - for example, using open source software for timeshifted viewing of TV (such as the highly developed and widely used linux-based software, MythTV).

Those of us with these systems would have to purchase a replacement, which would be of inferior quality.

I use MythTv - I use it lawfully and legally. It is brilliant, and a shining example of how a community of people create a great software system. Imposing regulations that limit such creativity for (legal, lawful) community benefit would have a HUGE impact.

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? :

Limiting compatible hardware compatibility to UK-only devices would have a big effect on the market.

Anyone who has bought an "HD-ready" TV or recording device would effectively be punished for buying new technology if a change were made.

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? . :

Who cares. As a paying customer, I'll be limited in my fair use of content that I'm funding if DRM is introduced.

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?:

Our nation is full of people willing to contribute to their community. Open source software and hardware is a key component of enabling such contribution. By shutting down the ability of people to (lawfully and legitimately) advance knowledge and understanding in their community for the greater good, you limit creativity and it's output.

Imposing DRM on broadcasts would prevent creative fair use of content in a way that benefits the consumer - it is my opinion that this is not good for the customer or for the BBC.