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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? :

No.

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.

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 BBC's proposed approach would complicate the use of HDTV for consumers. A 'user guide' is *not* the answer and is patronising. Consumers pay their TV licence already, the providers should not require any more effort on the consumer's part to enable them to watch the television services they have already paid for.

An 'appeals process' is unnecessarily bureaucratic and heavyweight. Very very few consumers would participate in the process (even if they knew it was there). And again, consumers have paid for the service already - they should not be made to jump through hoops to receive it.

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?

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No.

Businesses that provide HD-ready devices that contain open source software will have to re-develop, from scratch and without risk of intellectual property breaches, the software. This is not a negligible cost.

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 don't know but I think this question is irrelevant. The Huffman Code licensing will only deter normal, law-abiding users from watching HD TV. Anyone who is going to make money from copying HD content in an illegal way, will either crack the code or will find other ways to obtain the content. The only people punished or restricted by this code are the normal users who just want to watch the television they have already paid the BBC to provide.

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? . :

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?:

The BBC is a public service paid for by all TV-owners in the UK. If the BBC wants to be able to act more like the paid-for TV services that already have content management on their HD receivers, it should completely relinquish its right to public funding and it should become a commercial station. If it wishes to remain publicly-funded, it should not even be

considering providing restricted access to content.

The BBC and HD content suppliers need to innovate around their business model for selling DVDs and Blu-rays etc so that they are offering something consumers are willing to pay for. That's business.

The BBC is held in high regard around the world and is watched by huge numbers in the UK. If HD content suppliers withhold content from the BBC, it will be to the loss of the suppliers.

In terms of the receivers, many many people in the UK have already bought HD-ready TVs and other equipment. Are they expected to go and buy new devices in order to be able to watch the encoded content?