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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 I do not agree. It has been shown time and time again that this form of digital rights management does not stop the criminal, it only stops legitimate users from easily accessing services. As a licence-payer, I would like the ability to save recorded content onto various consumer devices, many of which do not support drm.

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? :

It may well be the simplest method, however I do not believe it is the most appropriate.

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

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

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? :

It does not safeguard citizens and consumers legitimate use, rather it prohibits such use. Perhaps a guarantee of a SD copy available for use on devices not supporting such content management would be appropriate.

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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I concur that costs would be negligible on the cost of HD DTT receivers, however it would be farcical to expect those who have just upgraded their tv equipment for the digital switchover to have to purchase new equipment for this purpose.

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? :

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? . :

Recognising that this form of categorised copyrighted content has existed before on analogue, there is a precedent. As suggested above, perhaps the ability to export an SD copy for restricted programming would be appropriate.

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?:

Many of those who share copyrighted tv programmes will continue to do so by working around this content management system. As they will do this, the only people who are left encumbered are those who watch legitimately, and would like to view the HD content using open source software, and devices that do not have a licence for the content management systems. A similar example is DRM in video games, hackers find a way around them, and they do not work - only legitimate users are penalised for paying for their content.