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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. Television is moving to HD already as that is what consumers are demanding, it would be folly to scupper this movement and deprive users of HD content just because copy control isn't allowed.

No US film/television company is going to realistically turn down the chance to make more money and gain a broader audience by restricting distribution on an unsecured HD platform if that is what is mandated in the United Kingdom. Companies have to abide by the laws and regulations if they wish to do business in a country, and not wanting to do business in such a large and prosperous country would be folly.

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. We already have a stringent legal platform and set of regulations to deal with copyright infringement. Instead of depriving honest users of the capability to consume content as they wish, perpetrators who upload content onto file sharing networks should be dealt with under the current civil copyright infringement measures.

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, any digital restrictions management is designed to do just that, restrict the use of material.

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. There will inevitably be licensing concerns and legal indemnity requirements that will force the cost of receivers up.

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? :

Yes, the receivers that have already been released would be obsoleted and thus you would be requiring people to purchase new ones, fragmenting a very nascent market, possibly irrevocably. You also scupper open-source DTV packages which could lead to legal challenges.

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 required by its mandate to provide open access to content, by pandering to US corporate overlords that basic tenet will be broken, please to not allow them to do this.