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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing 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

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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 I do not. As platforms change and media evolves it's only natural that the quality get higher - this isn't a reason for makers of content to restrict its viewing, or makers of hardware to cause all our previous hardware to be redundant/land-fill-doffer.

The BBC has WIDE and VAST range of viewers, not thieves or digital pirates, or license evaders. But honest to goodness viewers. But HIGHTENING the bar to watch content you're not only stabbing some of your old faithful supports in the back, but forcing them to pay EVEN MORE MONEY (after you've made us buy Digital boxes, then DigitalHD boxes and the matching new TV sets to go with them) -- in the past 3 years I've already been "forced" to spend almost £2000 to keep my great viewing experience great. It's not the BBCs fault that cheap LCDs look worse than cheap CRTs, so for comparable quality I had to spend more, but it is the BBCs fault if I have to replace it all again -- making the fact I spent EVEN MORE than £2000 to extend the warranty pointless.

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? :

Less is very rarely more, no matter what the old wives tail says. The proposed multiplex is a step backwards to content for the masses and embracing everyone. A bad move generally, doubly-so by someone like the BBC.

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

No. And quite frankly I'm surprised it's even legal. Since it's "against the rules" to tamper with the actual digital signal this way applying the "restrictions" to the metadata is exploiting a loophole for your own good.

I wonder which clever little person through of this, and how they sleep soundly at night, other than of a mattress made of our license payers money!

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

Insufficient detail to comment

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? :

You've already restricted my use of iPlayer an open source user -- making it very hard for me to use, comfortably, the download and watching software due to the poor performance the Adobe platform has on linux compared to other operating systems. However, you're now talking about restricting my ability to use my open source hardware also, let alone any existing DVB-T2+ box I've purchased for freeviewHD, which launched in my area less than a month ago!

This will force me to have to throw away, not only my current hardware and software, but now allow me to use my choice of hardware and software to replace it. I don't want to be restricted to, in short, the BBC dictated selection of devices to watch TV and browse the EPG. You choose what to put on, I choose what to watch it on.

This is BEFORE you factor in that every maker under the sun will choose this an opportunity to increase the price of their hardware for the extra DRM bits you are demanding.

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. Negligible is not making me replace all my current/existing HD kit. Negligible is not forcing me to pick from your "list of authorised vendors".

Negligible allowing me to buy a single USB adapter for my laptop and watch FreeviewHD on that, record, playback, and delete later.

If you can ensure me, a paying customer, than i can still do that with my £35 widget and my Dell Linux laptop, which I SERIOUSLY DOUBT, I'd love to see the specifications for such.

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? :

While I know what Huffman Code is, and how it works, down to the mathematical level, I do not know enough about the BBCs proposed use to comment

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 rarely watch anything but BBC anyway, so care little about other HD broadcasters, especially as BBC is currently the only one I can receive in my home, anyway.

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?:

Open Source, Software Freedom, Linux users and how exploiting a loophole in a set of rules isn't morally acceptable to most people?