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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

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

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, as long as some DRM exists then its possible the something might not be able to play a format that it is perfectly capable of supporting, but some arbitrary person elsewhere has decided that we shouldn't.

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.

Would secure content but not in a way practical for the use of the general population. Yet it is fallible enough to be bypassed by any pirates or similar, anyway. Therefore fails to stop copying by anyone but valid users.

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. No DRM is acceptable over FTA television, bar paid for content.

Just being digital doesn't mean the, rightfully, established 'free-to-air' concept needs changing.

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? . :

Yes negligible. But what about software/hardware not sold via traditional means, and open-source projects that use the TV signal in innovative ways.

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, but only the retail market. Not the rest of the hardware/software ecosystem.

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? . :

No. All broadcast TV should be open (unless paid for) and extra systems get in the way of valid users and do not deter those wanting to do illegal things.

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?:

Would this break current FreeViewHD boxes that currently/nearly exist as of now? Why should the early adopters be punished just because the BBC wants to pander to suits. If TV in the uk is truly FTA then it is the only option and content producers will 'fall in line' as be open too, they will not want to lose audience share.