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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. I want to build an open source mythtv based media centre for my house. Any DRM encumbered content is dead to me.

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? :

I have no opinion on the appropriateness of this to achieve the objective of locking up content. I don't share that objective.

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

No. If the EPG is closed data then interesting things can't be done with it.

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. It would stop me from using Free and Open Source software to do interesting things (including, but not necessarily limited to, watching) with BBC content.

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? . :

In terms of cost probably not much, but I don't intend to buy one. In terms of interoperability if they won't interoperate with Free and Open Source software then I am not interested. Might be an issue if they don't work with existing HD kit already in the marketplace.

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? :

Well they will cut the mythTV market.

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 idea

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?:

As it stands people who use free and open source software such as MythTV will be locked out. How do you propose to avoid this situation?