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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?:

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Yes

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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 did not see any actual evidence presented that copy management would broaden the range

of HD content available.

There is no evidence that the viability of DTT will be affected.

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.

Recent history tells us that :

- Those who want to steal the content and make money will find a way almost instantly
- Those who want to make reasonable use (time-shift or format shift onto another device they own) on a random occasion will be stuck and will be very irritated.

It is noted that the BBC plans that one copy may be taken onto another device, but that is the BBC expecting everyone to buy this new compatible device from an approved supplier, when there are many existing devices that play mp4 format files just fine right now.

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

No.

Program listings are provided at the moment in a standard format that is open to all.

While we are expected to pay a licence fee, this should be the case.

Somewhere between 1-2% of all computers/users in the UK use a version of Linux. These users will be excluded from this service if the condition is changed and data is encoded.

There may well be issues with mobile phone users too.

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

No, for the same reason as the above.

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.

The proposal unfairly restricts citizens and consumers legitimate use of HD content on an unfair basis - the individuals choice of viewing platform.

Should the time come when a program is only broadcast in HD, the proposed approach is reducing the citizens and consumers legitimate use of content, not safeguarding it.

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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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? . :

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?:

All homes in the uk are expected to pay a licence fee for the BBC.
The BBC's broadcasts are available to all TVs, Radio, Internet/Iplayer and Satellite/Freeview.
All standard TVs, Radios, Freeview boxes and Computers/Web Browsers can receive these broadcasts.

If the proposals are granted, this will not be true anymore.

If Sky encrypt their content, that is a matter for them. I can choose not to subscribe to Sky.
I am not aware of being able to opt out of the part of the BBC licence fee that relates to encrypted