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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.

**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.

**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. DRM in all its forms has consistently been shown to entirely ineffective in preventing piracy. There has never been an effective DRM scheme. The underlying reason for this is that the end user must ultimately be able to decode it using readily available equipment. Fundamentally this means that DRM in any form is merely an elaborate obfuscation scheme. At the same time, all such schemes put unacceptable restrictions on those not prepared to circumvent DRM.

**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. It will isolate our market. This will increase cost, and decrease choice.

**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? :**

No.

**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.

**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 ability of licence-fee payers to access BBC content through innovative Open Source solutions which could never usefully adhere to the licensing restrictions without having to break the law.

Note that because this DRM scheme has already been broken, access will be available.