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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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**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 a public service broadcaster, paid for by the public, the BBC should focus on providing access to its material in as open a way as possible.

**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. Legitimate use of material from our public service broadcaster should not be limited.

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

No. It will restrict use of material already paid for by viewers via the TV licence,

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

Absolutely not.

**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 guarantees are required. BBC material should be open. If the BBC cannot then broadcast material from specific suppliers then that is the cost of being our public broadcaster. The material in question will no doubt still find its way onto our TVs via commercial broadcasters.

**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 both add cost and limit which equipment can be used.

**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. it will greatly limit the 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? . :**

Does it matter. The BBC is not a commercial company - it is a public service broadcaster paid for with public money.

**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 BBC should either remain as open as is possible (without allying themselves to commercial forces) or it should have its whole public service license revoked and compete as a 100% commercial company without a licence fee from the public.

The question is - does the BBC wish to be a public service broadcaster and take its income from a compulsory public licence fee or does it wish to be a commercial operation and take its income from the usual commercial sources.

The BBC should lose the right to the first option as soon as it starts deliberately limiting access to its broadcast material for commercial interests.