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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.

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. There should be NO content management. Why not?

1) The equipment needed to receive Freeview HD would need more processing power just to deal with the DRM. This would make it more expensive.

2) I quite like to use a Linux package called MythTV to watch TV, and I'm fairly sure that the BBC will not make source code available so that people using Open Source projects, such as Myth can successfully watch their programmes. They initially dragged their feet on making iPlayer available to non-Microsoft platforms, and we don't want that to happen again.

3) I want the freedom to be able to record the BBC's HD output, and play it on a device of my choosing (probably VLC under Linux). Why? Well, I spend between three and six months away at sea every year, and I like to be able to bring TV recordings with me, and watch them when I can't receive broadcast television.

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. The cost of higher spec hardware required to decode the DRM, plus the additional R&D and testing costs will make things significantly more expensive.

In any case, I refer you to Answer 5, and the availability of source code for Open Source television viewers/recorders.

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? :

Not sure about this one.

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? . :

Surely that is a question for the other broadcasters, and not the viewers and listeners?

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?:

Just make sure that whatever happens, if you want to watch and record HD programming on a computer, it doesn't have to be one with an Apple or Microsoft Operating System on it. And none of this waiting around for months for a Linux solution to be available.