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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, DRM will only restrict those who can view it to those with compatible hardware. Restricting those who can view it will not increase it's viability.

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. Why does HD need 'content management'?

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. Why do consumers need to be 'safeguarded' regarding use of HD? If a consumer has paid the license fee, they should be entitled to view the BBC content without restriction. Why should HD content be treated differently to SD content? SD content is released on DVD, yet is shown without DRM so is effectively available to anyone with a hard disk recorder to copy and upload to file sharing sites.

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, interoperability with other equipment cannot be guaranteed unless all the equipment from the various manufacturers shares the same common platform.

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 would lead to confusion as to what equipment would work with the system. Is the currently available equipment able to work with the proposed system?

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? . :

I don't know - this seems a strange question to ask the public in a public consultation.

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?:

Yes. The total failure of DRM in the past to prevent unauthorised copying of content, whether it be audio or visual in nature. It has been such a failure that DRM is now hardly used anywhere in the entertainment industry.