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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, it would potentially have the opposite effect.

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, it is simply a way of garnering more money to pay top US execs and big name celebrities. It represents obsequiousness on the part of the BBC.

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

Yes - if you are going to grant the BBC the power to enforce the will of US corporations over UK public television content (probably with the full approval of Lord Mandelson) - then you may as well block EPG data so that we, the public, have no idea what we are missing on TV when we press the 'guide' button on our TV remote to look at the TV schedules. Ignorance is bliss after all.

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

Yep - if you are going to give in to DRM, you may as well go the whole hog. Come to think of it, you could get US corporations (like Fox) to send us public service messages via EPG instead of TV schedules, eventually (like 'citizens of Airstrip One, vote Republican!').

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? :

I do not need the BBC to protect my legitimate use of HD content. Most of Freeview content (including the BBC's), is mainly repeats and advertisements. Even films (on other Freeview channels) are repeated again and again and again over the course of a month. The BBC wants to protect my legitimate consumption of this poor quality content, in HD? Presumably it wants more money for this as well. My answer is no.

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. If the BBC enforce compatibility between HD receivers and HD content that it broadcasts, then it is likely that other Freeview channels will be granted similar licences (Multiplex C and D, via Arqiva for example). If that happens, then I will need to buy a box for the BBC content, a box for Arqiva distributed content (ITV, Channel 4 etc) and so on. That will have an impact on the cost of receivers from a consumer standpoint, and will affect the demand for said receivers. It will also mean that only certain manufacturers will be granted licence to sell their HD receivers in the UK, for each Multiplex.

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 - see answer for Question 6.

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? . :

Probably not. Other HD broadcasters may include signatories to the Freeview group, which would not take kindly to the BBC going AWOL on them and partitioning of bits of Freeview HD that they are trying to make available to everybody. The other Freeview providers will make all HD content to anybody who wants it, probably, paid for via advertising as per usual.

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?:

Ofcom should consider EU anti trust laws, any and all conditions of TV licence money being made available to the BBC, and should also consider the views of other broadcasters and corporations involved with distribution of Freeview and Freeview HD content. Ofcom should consider the views of manufacturers of digital TV receivers, and of their distributors/retailers. Ofcom should consider any competition regulations applicable.