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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:

I do not believe the BBC should be allowed to do this as it would not have the desired effect eg: stopping people from copying broadcast material. As the people who do this and there legally distribute it simply find a way around it. The only people who will be affected by this are the honest individuals how just want to make a legitimate copy for viewing later or to put it on a mobile device to the watch during the morning commute. It would be unfair to restrict the vast majority of people As the pirates don't care If you put this safeguard in or not.

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? :

Yes, but I believe the BBC should be pioneering new ways of doing things and try to influence the mainly American opposition to open content

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 I believe that better alternative could be found

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

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

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 because manufacturers' would have to restrict the movement of the content which may cause problems and add additional cost for elderly people who may not have all the latest hardware. This would also be true of someone on a budget. As eventually HD will reach these people we cannot just assume that anybody would have a wad of cash in the bank. The BBC is a public organisation and as such should make content easily available

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? . :

The cost may be negligible for new equipment. My concern is with the older equipment we cannot simply ask people to buy a new piece of hardware all the time as I believe the proposal is now if someone was to buy a new TV the TV signals would be encrypted and to an old piece of equipment would effectively render it useless.

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? :

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? . :

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?:

My main concern this would cause A incompatibility between new equipment and the old. It seems to me that everyone is assuming if you have a HDTV you have money to burn this is no longer the case as many HD TV prices are low. I simply do not want to see a situation where someone has HDTV but cannot afford to upgrade the rest of their equipment to be compatible with the standard.