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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. Copy management restricts the ability of individuals that fall outside the copy management box to access free content. As a specific example, consumers using open source operating systems would likely be unable to access HD content.

Restricting access to content may initially increase the HD content available, but it creates a closed format. It is this closed format that ultimately reduces the supply of HD content to consumers.

Copy management has been shown time and time again to reduce the demand for content across that service.

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 disagree with the implementation of copy management.

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. Copy management does not safeguard citizens and consumers use of HD content. Copy management provides an impediment to the access of HD content, especially on open source operating systems.

This restricts the ability of citizens and consumers to access and use of HD content.

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? . :

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?:

Open source operating systems and their ability to access HD content.

Whether restricting access to HD content to ensure a smaller subset of individuals have a broader range of HD programming available is more desirable than a smaller range of HD programming (or less corporate HD programming) available to all users.