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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

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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 (DRM) is and always will be counter productive. As has been displayed in the online music industry.

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 have one rule for one and not another?

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, how would limiting HD content usage 'safeguard citizens and consumers legitimate use'? The two ideas are contradictory. What guarantees are needed? The transmissions are already owned by the consumer.

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 DRM technology is implemented it will incur extra costs, on both install and update. Interoperability would then never be 100%

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

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? . :

NO

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?:

The fact that we, the consumer, have already paid to watch these programmes through the license fee. We do not need to pay for them again by having to invest in 'special' equipment over that which we already own that can receive all other HD transmissions. We need to be able to use other, even Open Source, solutions to watch the BBC.