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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 I do not. Content providers cannot ignore the BBC anyway, and the BBC should not be chasing after high profile and expensive content which is available elsewhere.

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? :

The BBC should not be applying DRM to their content.

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

No I do not.

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

No I do not.

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? :

What an unpleasant neologism. This will in no way 'safeguard' anyone except the profits of the content producers. The BBC is a non profit making organisation. No additional guarantees are required as this content has already been paid for through the licence fee.

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 I do not. It will make such devices considerably less attractive to the consumer, and will simply frustrate unsophisticated users. Experience has shown that Interoperability is not guaranteed, and this will result in fewer receivers being sold.

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? :

IWhat is a stakeholder in this context? I cannot answer this question as I do not know what they think, I can speak only for myself.

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 am unable to comment on this.

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?:

This will damage the market, not only for DTT receivers, but also the nascent HD PVR market, an increasingly important part of the content delivery chain.