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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. While I appreciate that some suppliers are pressuring broadcasters to use copy management, I do not think this change would in any way "secure long term viability". Consistently copy management only serves to harm the legal market while having minimal effect on the illegal market.

**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. The BBC is merely trying to circumvent their existing regulations in a way that serves the content providers, and not us, the public. This is against the very foundation of the BBC.

**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. While the proposed changes would indeed place some restrictions on usage, it would also prevent many other legitimate uses of HD content. They are not safeguarding citizens or consumers, they are safeguarding content providers, who are already adequately provided for by law.

This will not stop people using content illegally, but may well prevent some people from using the content legitimately, which is unacceptable.

**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. While it may only have a negligible impact on the cost (which is unacceptable in the first place) the impact on interoperability with other devices is potentially huge, not least because a large number of existing home-grown systems will suddenly become "illegal", which is nonsense.

**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? :**

Possibly.

**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.

**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?:**

Anything that makes illegal the previously legitimate use of copyrighted material is ill-advised and, particularly in the case of the BBC, should not be permitted.

This was seen with the case of DVD copy protection, which prevented users of some computer systems prevented from watching legitimately purchased DVDs. Or likewise region encoding on DVDs.

These moves do not in any way benefit the consumer. They merely benefit large corporations who make licensing fees on hardware while making large sums on selling the content initially, and branding every consumer as a copyright infringer.