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Yes

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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 believe it may well have the opposite effect. Adding copy management will more than likely cause rights holders to increase the price at which they license their works. The

increased revenue stream from these higher priced works will result in less content being produced.

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? :

I don't believe that adding a content management system on HD DTT is at all necessary or suitable for the BBC to pursue.

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? :

That the content can be viewed, stored and processed in any manner, currently permissible under UK law. This would include the use of solutions such as "MythTV" that would be unable to utilise these broadcasts under current plans.

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. Current solutions, such as the afore mentioned MythTV, will be effectively locked out from receiving broadcasts with this content management technologies.

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. It would unduly restrict the making of HD DTT receivers to corporate entities.

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?:

The impact of these changes on open source projects which provide PVR-style capabilities.