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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. Restrictions on the content of a public platform endanger that platform rather than securing it.

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 should not be allowed to restrict this content.

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

No. Ensuring the open transmission of content is essential to maintaining a fair and competitive network.

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

No. All content should remain open.

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. Consumers should have complete freedom to access the content they are paying for. The BBC should guarantee that all technology required to receive HD content is available without royalties and under an open source license.

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 - consumers should not have to pay to have their right to use their own equipment restricted.

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? :

Yes - the BBC should make any code required to implement receivers royalty free and open source.

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?:

I think that restricting the rights of consumers to freely access the content of a publicly funded body is completely unjustified. Broadcaster should not be able to control consumers use of their own equipment, at their expense and contrary to ability to exercise the legal right of fair use. These arbitrary restrictions not only impact the rights of the average license payer but jeopardize the global availability of content.