

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

I think so. Although as far as I am aware this has not been tested- and it should be - the broadcast flag will not differentiate between personal and commercial use.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?
Yes. If it cannot be copied, then it cannot be copied.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

I think it would. For a broadcast flag to be useful, it would need to be set to not allow anything with a broadcast flag to be played on something without the ability to do so. This would leave people who have legacy equipment and cannot afford the new flag-enabled equipment out in the cold as far as digital media concerned.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes, it would. Technology is advanced by innovation.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

There is a high liklihood of the cost of consumer electronic equipment costing more, especially if people are forced to by them.

Other Comments:

It is important to me to be able to record television shows to watch later when I am not at home, and this would not be possible with a broadcast flag.