

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 don't see how it wouldn't interfere! Of course it will.

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? What they don't realize is that this passing of tidbits of a show or whatever generates INTEREST in it and ultimately is a big boost to ratings!

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?

The proponents have a biased view.... what do they care if the equipment won't work right?

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

I don't doubt the future holds amazing things... but the industry will always try to find a way to block use of the new technology.

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

I can't say exactly but common sense says it will go up. Most likely a lot.

Other Comments:

I think it's overkill. The industry is worried about proverbial pennies when the publicity generated by content sharing actually makes them money! They are being foolish.