

Please don't restrict the rights of the consumer to own a fully functional digital tv. Restrictions such as these make technology many times less useful for the consumer and are absurd restrictions. Never should the solution be to allow lobbyists from big business to restrict absolutely features from appearing in consumer products that really should be there. I see a slippery slope where digital outputs are banned from soundcards and cd players when the RIAA tries to blame these things for it's own poor sales. Absurd because the consumer deserved the best technology they can buy, and absurd because it wouldn't do any good. There is always the analog hole. I understand the desire from lobbyists to try to restrict end-users from pirating their ware - in Hollywood's case, their movies. in my case, my software and my music. However, I don't want to make a product that is less useful for the end user - a program that won't run because of an anti-copy scheme gone awry or an annoying dongle that gets lost, or a music cd that won't play in their computer and expect them to want to buy more from me.

These proposed rules will, I guarantee, reduce the possible audience for DTV to a mere fraction of what it could have been. consumers want something that is 10x better than what they have and cheaper when they buy new things. DTV, as it stands with these new rules, is a crippled shadow of their old analog box.

thank you very much