

Response from the Digital Television Group (DTG)

The Digital Television Group (DTG) has examined the Core Receiver Requirements consultation document, and would like to make the following comments:

1. The stated requirements appear to address well the general needs of older and disabled people.
2. The stated requirements appear practicable, i.e. it should be possible to implement them.
3. Many of the requirements could be considered as best practice for receivers for the general market. However, given the highly cost-conscious nature of the market, and the desire of manufacturers to differentiate product, we believe it is unlikely that receivers implementing all of these requirements will appear on the market in the near future, unless some incentive is used. Such an incentive might be related to a trade mark licence, for example.
4. An initial examination of the requirements of section B indicates that the great majority should readily be convertible into specifications that are straightforward to test (i.e. a test can be applied that provides an unambiguous pass/fail result). However, some, as they are currently expressed, are difficult to test, and may possibly best be considered as guidelines (e.g. "The User Interface (UI) should be designed using principles derived from good web design practice...").
5. The DTG is willing to consider the requirements of section B for inclusion in the DTG D-book. Given the status and recognition by both broadcasters and CE manufacturers, the D-book appears to be the most appropriate place for the specifications that arise from these requirements. However, adopted requirements are likely to be classed as optional.

6. If appropriate, the DTG is willing to consider development of test suites covering these requirements.

The DTG will be pleased to enter into detailed discussions relating to further development of these requirements.

With best wishes,

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