

## DCMS flags upcoming approval for product placement in the UK

Secretary of State Ben Bradshaw is expected to announce this week (w/c September 14<sup>th</sup> 2009) a 3-month consultation over proposals to lift the ban on product placement on television in the UK.

There is widespread expectation that this will lead to a relaxation of the rules. A spokesman for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport told the BBC that the current situation "puts the UK at a competitive disadvantage".

Such a change would be good news. Not just for programme makers and broadcasters, but also for brand-owners.

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