

Unit comprising data memory card and reading/writing device

Abstract

A description is given of a method of extending the period of validity of smart cards, without the said cards having to be surrendered by their owner. For this purpose, use is made of reading/writing devices which are installed near smart card users and, by means of extension passwords sent to the owner by a central issuing agency, extend the date of validity of the smart card.

(Fig. 1)

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