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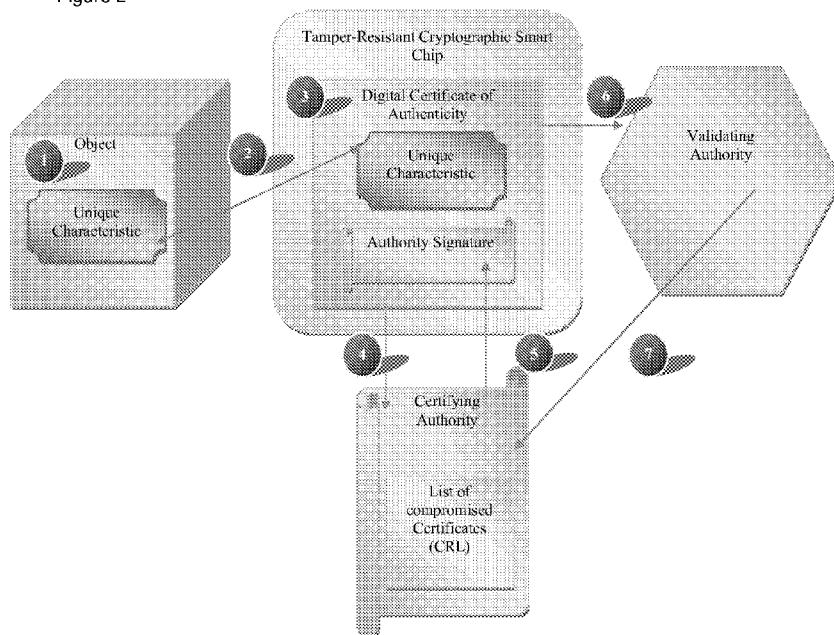
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Figure 2



(57) Abstract: The present invention is related to a method for digital certification of authenticity of a physical object, to corresponding computer program means and storage means, as well as to the use of the method for digital certification of authenticity of a physical object of value. The method comprises the steps of issuing (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) a storage means comprising a digital certificate of authenticity including encrypted information reflecting at least one characteristic unique to the physical object, checking (6, 7), whenever required, the validity of the digital certificate of authenticity by use of network computing means, the network computing means cooperating with said storage means and a validating and/or a certifying authority such as to output sensibly in real time the status of validity of said digital certificate of authenticity, and modifying the status of validity of said digital certificate of authenticity, whenever required.