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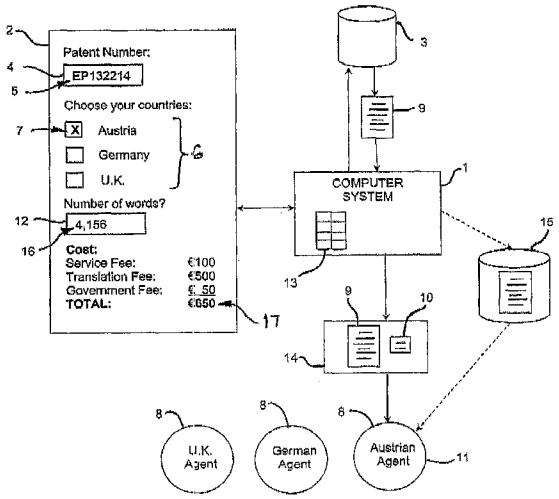
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(54) **Title:** COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING A VALIDATION INSTRUCTION MESSAGE



(57) **Abstract:** A computer-implemented system for providing validation instructions to European attorneys. The computer system is designed to send a validation instruction message to a number of European attorneys, asking them to validate a granted European patent. The computer system is designed to communicate with an interface, a specification database and a number of European agents. The system is set up so that when the computer system receives a European patent identifier and a country selection via the interface, the computer system: (a) obtains, from the specification database, a European patent specification corresponding to the European patent identifier; and (b) provides the European patent specification and a validation instruction message to a particular European agent corresponding to the country selection. The system is further adapted to calculate and bill the total validation cost up-front.

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