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(54) Title: COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK NODE (57) Abstract A node for, and a method of, providing a network-based information service in an intelligent communications network, the node being arranged to store customer identities, respective customer-associated lists of identities of information items (hereinafter referred to as items) for which the respective associated customer has access rights, and identities of item-associated information sources which store the respective items; and to respond to a message from a customer requesting access to the information service and indicating an item which the customer wants sent to him, by ascertaining whether the requested item is in the customer's list, and, if so, retrieving the item from its respective source, and sending it to the customer. If the message does not contain an item identity, the list of items is sent to the customer for him to make a selection.		