

Abstract

“Electronic Transaction System for Facilitating the Supply of Goods to Retailers and Method Therefor”

An electronic transaction system 10 for facilitating the supply of goods 12 to
5 retailers 14 comprising a retailer terminal 16, a transaction server 18 and at
least one third party terminal 22, where at least one of the third party terminals
22, or the transaction server 18, is operated by a supplier of goods and where
a retailer 14 can place an order for goods with a supplier 20 using the retailer
terminal 16, the retailer terminal 16 then operable to forward the order to the
10 appropriate supplier 20 via the transaction server 18 and where, on delivery of
the goods 12 to the retailer 14, the retailer 14 confirms or rejects delivery of
the goods 12 using the retailer terminal 16, the retailer terminal 16 in turn
confirming delivery or rejection of the goods 12 with the transaction server 18
and, in response, the transaction server 18 forwards any communication
15 messages 56 destined for the retailer and generated by a third party terminal
22 and forwarded to the transaction server 18 for delivery, to the retailer
terminal 22 for display to the retailer 14. Communication between
components may be by way of direct cable connection, PSTN, wireless
connection or a combination of any of the foregoing.

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