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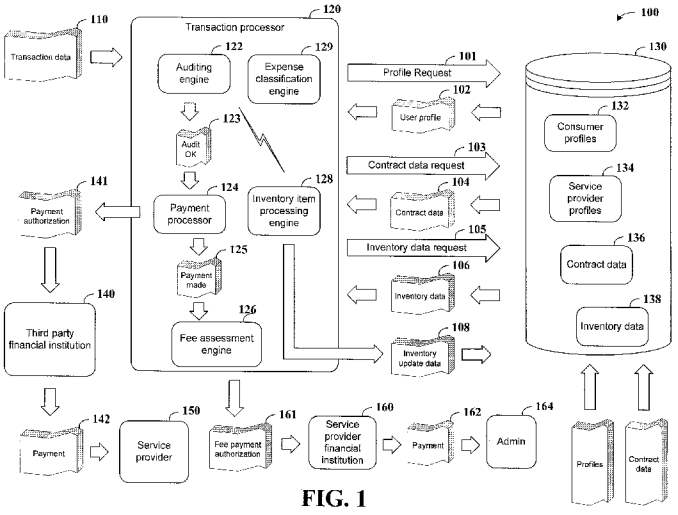


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** Transaction processing for financial institution-based transactions is facilitated in various example embodiments. According to one such embodiment, a transaction processing approach involves the processing of financial aspects of a transaction using a computer processor arrangement programmed with transaction rules associated with a buyer for auditing the transaction and any associated invoices. The processor arrangement is programmed to process transactions for merchant offerings subject to a related set of inventory data by auditing the transactions relative to inventory data corresponding to an inventory to which the transaction applies and stored contract data for the transaction, by processing payment in response thereto, and by assessing a processing fee against one or more parties to the transaction.

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