

regions for assisting the determination of the sub-regions.

6. The method of any of the preceding claims, wherein
5 comparing the plurality of significant points of the image of the product to be authenticated with the plurality of significant points of the image of the genuine product comprises determining if a significant point of the plurality of significant points of the image
10 of the product to be authenticated is within a defined distance of a significant point of the plurality of significant points of the image of the genuine product for at least some of the significant points of the image of the product to be authenticated or for at least some
15 of the significant points of the image of the genuine product within a region of the image.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising applying a function to a sum of the number of significant points of
20 the image of the product to be authenticated which are within the defined distance of a significant point of the image of the genuine product within the region of the image to determine an output for comparison with a threshold value to determine the authenticity of the
25 product.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the function comprises dividing the sum of the number of significant points of the image of the product to be authenticated which are
30 within the defined distance of a significant point of the image of the genuine product within the region of the

image by the total number of significant points of the
image of the product to be authenticated within the
region of the image or by the total number of significant
points of the image of the genuine product within the
5 region of the image to determine a ratio.

9. The method of any of the preceding claims, wherein
the product is a timepiece.