Claims

1. A method of storing articles, comprising:

a step in which a user uses a user terminal to register membership at a storage management server operated by a storage management company via a Web and purchases a packing kit including a packing box, or to register membership at a service relay server operated by a company other than the storage management company and purchases a packing kit including a packing box;

a step in which the user requests warehousing of an article by transmitting warehousing request information including at least a desired pickup date, type and number of packing boxes, and an indication on either collective storage or individual storage from the user terminal to the storage management server or the service relay server via a Web;

a step in which, when the warehousing request information is transmitted to the service relay server, the warehousing request information is transferred from the service relay server to the storage management server;

a step in which, upon acceptance of the request for warehousing at the storage management server, warehousing instruction information including at least a user name, address, telephone number, and client code, a type and number of packing boxes, an indication on either collective storage or individual storage, and an expected sending-in date is transmitted from the storage management server to a warehouse terminal;

a step in which the warehousing instruction information is transferred from the warehouse terminal to a delivery management terminal;

a step in which a delivery company that has received the warehousing instruction information visits the user's home, and picks up an article packed in a packing box included in the packing kit for delivery to a warehouse;

a step in which, at the warehouse the packing box is checked for external abnormalities, and thereafter image data is created by photographing the articles one by one, and each individual article is checked for abnormalities; and

a step in which, at the warehouse terminal, for articles with no abnormalities, article data is created by associating warehousing registration information including at least a client code, box number, article code, and stored article classification code, and the image data, and is transmitted to the storage management server, and the article is stored in the warehouse,

wherein: billing is performed in units of packing kits; payment is made at which the packing kit is purchased; and the user is allowed to check article data of the user's articles at any time by using the user terminal and to request returning of an article from among the user's stored articles by using the user terminal.

2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a notification of completion of storing an article is transmitted from the warehouse management server to the user terminal each time a single article is stored.

3. The method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the article is classified based on a type and is managed by classification.

4. The method according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the user is allowed to input a desire to sell, lease, publicly disclose, clean, or digitize the stored article at the user terminal to notify the desire to the storage management server or the service relay server.

5. The method according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the user is allowed to name the article to be stored without any restrictions when requesting warehousing of the article.

6. A system of storing an article, comprising:

a user terminal that enables a user to: register membership at a storage management server operated by a storage management company or a service relay server operated by a company other than the storage management company via a Web; request purchasing of a packaging box for packing an article to the storage management server or the service relay server; request warehousing the article; request checking of a status of the user's stored article; and request returning of an article among stored articles of the user's;

the storage management server configured to receive from the user via a Web and handle: an application of registering membership; request for warehousing of the article; request for checking the status of the article; and request returning of an article among the user's stored articles;

a service relay server that receives from the user via a Web and transfers to the storage management server requests for: registering membership; warehousing of the article; checking the status of the article; and returning an article from among the user's stored articles;

a warehouse terminal that, upon acceptance of the request for warehousing made by the user, receives from the storage management server and transfers to a delivery management terminal warehousing instruction information including at least a pickup date, type and number of packing boxes, and an indication on either collective storage or individual storage;

the delivery management terminal configured to receive the warehousing instruction information from the warehouse management terminal; and

an image capturing device provided at a warehouse that captures images of articles individually and sends image data to the warehouse management terminal,

wherein: the image data is transmitted from the warehouse terminal to the warehouse management server in association with the warehousing instruction information and is stored in the

warehouse management server; and upon receipt of the request for checking the status of the article from the user, the image data is provided to the user via the warehouse management server or the service reply server.

7. The system according to Claim 6, wherein: billing is performed in units of packing kits; and payment is made when a packing kit is purchased