

Abstract:

The invention relates to a method for verifying the authenticity of a postage indicium generated using a
5 franking key and applied onto a mailpiece, whereby cryptographic information contained in the postage indicium is decrypted and used for verifying the authenticity of the postage indicium.

- 10 According to the invention the method is characterized in that a data key (KD) is generated and transmitted from a central payment assurance system to local payment assurance systems.