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## Disclosure of the Invention

### Problems to be Solved by the Invention

[0004]

However, when the game host shuffles cards before a game, the shuffling can sometimes take a lot of time, hampering efficient operation of the game. Also, when the game host shuffles, there is a problem of possible cheating such as insertion/removal or switching of cards.

[0005]

Embodiments of the present invention seek to provide shuffled playing cards and manufacturing method thereof which may eliminate the need for a game host to shuffle cards before games by taking a lot of time as well as eliminate the possibility of cheating.

### Means for Solving the Problems

[0006]

An aspect of the present invention provides a method of manufacturing one or more shuffled decks of playing cards, the method comprising:

shuffling one or more decks of playing cards;

detecting at least a rank or suit of each card of the one or more shuffled decks of playing cards;

inspecting the one or more shuffled decks of playing cards during or after shuffling;

determining whether there is a defect comprising at least one of:

an excess or deficiency in the rank and suit combinations;

or a deficiency in a predetermined number of multiple cards;

wherein upon a condition that the one or more shuffled decks of playing cards is determined to be defective, disposing of a set of playing cards which is determined to be defective as a defective item; and

packaging a set of the playing cards determined to not be defective in one package, wherein a shuffled card ID associated with the one or more shuffled decks of playing cards is provided with the package.

Another aspect of the present invention provides a packed set of playing cards comprising:

one or more shuffled decks of playing cards, each of the playing cards including at least a rank or suit configured to be detected;

a package that includes the one or more shuffled decks of playing cards, wherein the one or more shuffled decks of playing cards passed an inspection using one or more processors during or after shuffling of the playing cards such that the one or more shuffled decks of playing cards is determined to be free of a defect comprising at least one of:

an excess or deficiency in the rank and suit combinations; or

a deficiency in a predetermined number of multiple cards; and

a shuffled card ID associated with the one or more shuffled decks of playing cards is provided with the package.

There is also disclosed a manufacturing method of shuffled playing cards characterized by comprising: a shuffling step of shuffling a predetermined number of decks of playing cards by a shuffling machine and thereby producing a set of shuffled playing cards; a packaging step of

individually packaging each shuffled playing cards subjected to the shuffling step; an ID generating step of creating a different shuffled card ID for each set of shuffled playing cards subjected to the shuffling step using an information processor; an ID affixing step of affixing the shuffled card ID as an ID code to a package of the shuffled playing cards; and an ID registration step of registering the shuffled card ID in a database by associating the shuffled card ID with information which allows identification of the shuffling machine or a shuffling machine group involved in the shuffling step of the shuffled playing cards affixed with the shuffled card ID.

[0007]

There is also disclosed shuffled playing cards which are a predetermined number of decks of playing cards shuffled and individually packaged, characterized in that a shuffled card ID for use to access information in a database is affixed as an ID code to a package of the shuffled playing cards, where the information allows identification of a shuffling machine or a shuffling machine group used to shuffle the shuffled playing cards.

Advantages of the Invention

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The present disclosure can provide shuffled playing cards which may eliminate the need for a game host to shuffle cards before games by taking a lot of time as well as eliminate the possibility of cheating. Also, since a shuffled card ID associated with information which allows identification of the shuffling machine or shuffling machine group used to shuffle the shuffled playing cards is affixed to the package, if there is any problem with playing cards and it is believed that the cause of the problem lies in a shuffling machine, the manufacturer can easily identify which shuffling machine or shuffling machine group has caused the problem and take quick measures.

## Brief Description of the Drawings

[0009]

Figures 1(a) and 1(b) are perspective views showing appearance of a shuffled playing card set (packaged individually) according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a diagram showing a schematic configuration of a shuffling machine used to shuffle playing cards in a manufacturing process of the shuffled playing card set according to the embodiment of the present invention;