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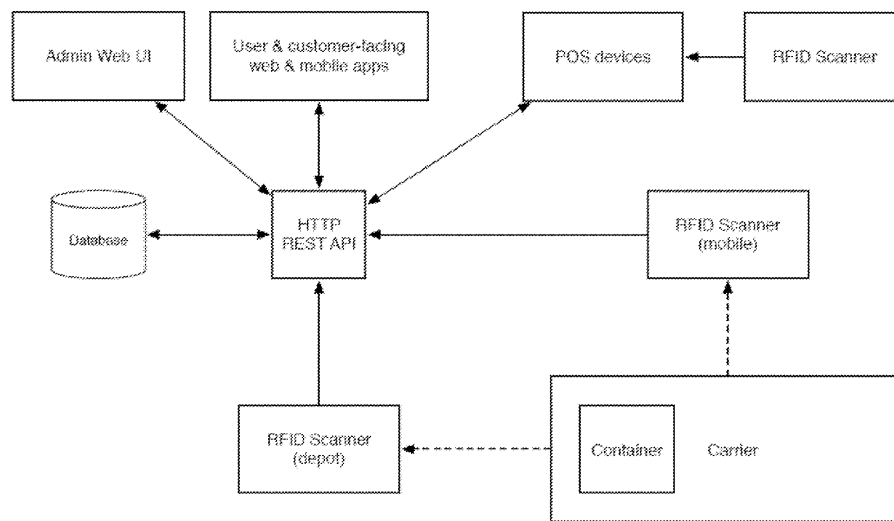


FIG. 29

(57) Abstract: A handling system suitable for interaction with both a plurality of containers suitable for carrying hot and cold beverages and a plurality of carriers suitable for carrying a plurality of containers; said plurality of containers comprising a base; a walled portion upwardly extending from said base; and a lid for attachment to said walled portion; said plurality of carriers comprising at least one compartment for receiving lids and at least a second compartment for receiving containers; wherein both said carriers and said containers comprise a remotely interrogatable tag for respectively identifying said carrier and said container; wherein said system further comprises a remote processing module; and a plurality of points of interaction with said remotely interrogatable tags which provide one or more of the following factors: a date and time stamp of an interaction, an identification of the point, an identification of an individual interacting with the system and an identification of the container or carrier which interacts with said system; and a

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