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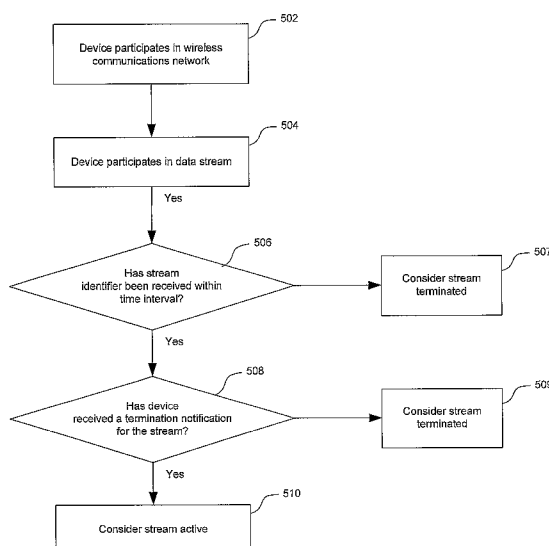
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(57) **Abstract:** In a wireless communications network, data of a first data stream is transmitted during a first portion of a repeating time period, the first data stream with at least one remote device. Also control information is transmitted during a second portion of the repeating time period, the control information including an identifier of the first data stream. A predetermined time interval is observed in which the transmission of a second data stream to the at least one remote device using the reserved identifier is prohibited. This time interval follows termination of the first data stream. Also, when receiving such transmissions, the data stream is considered active until the identifier of the data stream is missing from the second portion of the repeating time period for at least a predetermined time interval.

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