

**Abstract:**

- The invention relates to a method for verifying the authenticity of a postage indicium generated using a franking key and applied onto a mailpiece, whereby
- 5 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.



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