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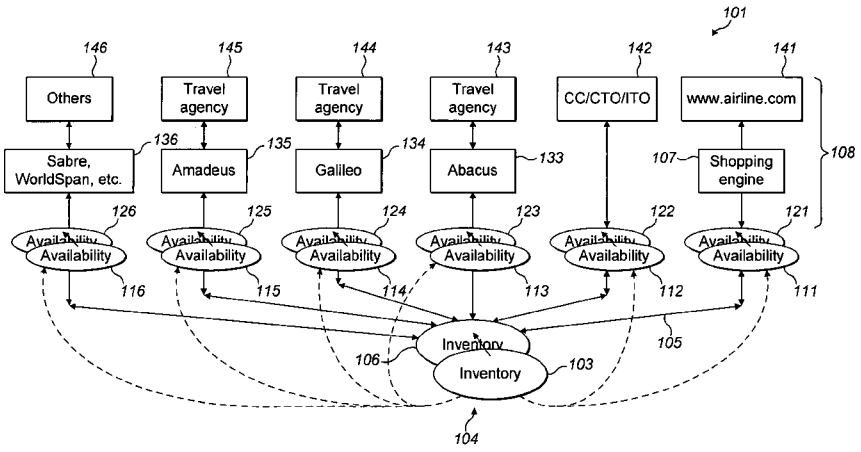


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract**: An inventory control system is disclosed. The system comprises: an inventory server for storing inventory parameters defining one or more products; an availability server arranged to receive an availability request for a product; broadcasting means for broadcasting updated inventory parameters from the inventory server to the availability server; wherein the availability server determines the availability of the requested product by comparing one or more product parameters to one or more inventory parameters in response to the availability server receiving an availability request.

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