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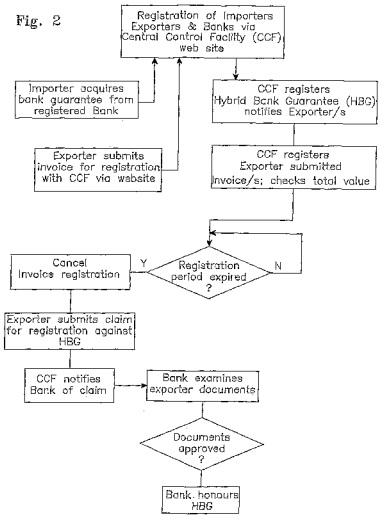
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(54) Title: IMPORT/EXPORT TRANSACTION FACILITY

Fig. 2



(57) Abstract: An import/export system, maintained by Central Control Facility; said system providing for registration of Importers and Exporters and at least one Bank in each country of operation of said Importers and Exporters; said at least one Bank registering on behalf of said Importer, a Hybrid Bank Guarantee with said Central Control Facility; a registered Exporter registering with said Central Control Facility an invoice against said Hybrid Bank Guarantee, and wherein said system executes steps to monitor registered invoices against said Hybrid Bank Guarantee, said steps including: a) adding the value of an invoice to a sum of those previously registered, to derive a total value; b) comparing said total value to the value of said registered Hybrid Bank Guarantee; c) registering said invoice if said total value does not exceed the value of said Hybrid Bank Guarantee; d) maintaining registration of said invoice for a period nominated by said Exporter; and wherein the system rejects for registration any invoice if said total value is greater than the value of Hybrid Bank Guarantee; and wherein said Exporter may claim against said Hybrid Bank Guarantee if payment of a registered invoice is not made by said Importer within a nominated period of said invoice.

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