CLAIMS

1. A token (100, 703, 705, 707) for use with an item handling system (109) wherein the token is encoded with data defining a plurality of further tokens comprising a second token (801) and a third token (803), wherein the data comprises an identifier associated with an item for processing by the item handling system; and wherein the data comprises data for independently generating each of the plurality of further tokens (801, 803) by a device; and wherein the format associated with the token (100) is different from the format associated with the plurality of further tokens (801, 803).

2. The token of any preceding claim wherein the data defines the number of further token or tokens and preferably wherein the identifier is a unique identifier.

3. The token of any preceding claim wherein the or each further token is attachable to the item for processing by the item handling system.

4. The token (100, 703, 705, 707) according to any preceding claim further comprising machine readable data and wherein the further token or tokens (801, 803) comprise both machine readable data and human readable data.

5. The token (100, 703, 705, 707) according to any preceding claim wherein the second token (801) and the third token (803) are associated with respective items for processing by the item handling system, and preferably wherein the second (801) and third token (803) are associated with a single user or passenger.

6. The token according to any preceding claim wherein the data encoded within the token (100, 703, 705, 707) comprises an identifier associated with an item of baggage.

7. The token (100, 703, 705, 707) according to any preceding claim wherein the data encoded within the token comprises any one or more of a verification code and data defining an issuing authority associated with the token (100).

8. A boarding pass (703, 705, 707) for use by a passenger comprising the token (100) of any preceding claim, wherein the boarding pass further comprises a boarding pass barcode and wherein the barcode symbology of the token (100, 703, 705, 707) is preferably different to a barcode symbology of the boarding pass barcode.

9. A device (102) for reading data from a token (100, 703, 705, 707) for use with an item handling system (109), the device comprising processing means configured to:

read (501), from the token, data defining a plurality of further tokens comprising a second token (801) and a third token (803), wherein the data comprises an identifier associated with an item for processing by the item handling system; and

generate (507) the plurality of further tokens (801, 803) based on the data read from the token (100, 703, 705, 707); wherein the data comprises data for independently generating each of the plurality of further tokens (801, 803); and wherein the format associated with the token (100) is different from the format associated with the plurality of further tokens (801, 803).

10. The device (102) according to claim 9 wherein the processing means is further configured to generate an identifier associated with the third token from the identifier associated with the second token, preferably by incrementing the identifier associated with the second token by an integer.

11. The device (102) according to any one of claim 9 or 10 wherein the processing means is further configured to read a verification code from the token (100, 703, 705, 707) and to compare the code to one or more predetermined verification codes, and preferably wherein the processing means is further configured to only generate the second or/and third tokens (801, 803) if the verification code read from the token (100, 703, 705, 707) corresponds to one of the predetermined verification codes.

12. The device (102) according to any one of claims 9 to 11 wherein the processing means is further configured to determine whether the second or third tokens (801, 803) have been previously been generated by checking a register (601) and preferably wherein the processing means is further configured to determine whether the register comprises a flag indicative of whether the second or/and third tokens have been previously generated.

13. The device (102) according to claim 12 wherein the processing means is further configured to only generate the second or/and third tokens (801, 803) if the flag indicates that the further token or tokens have not previously been generated.

14. The device according to any one of claims 9 to 13 wherein the data read from the token (100, 703, 705, 707) comprises any one or more of data identifying an airline, data

defining a departure date, data defining a departure time; and preferably wherein the processing means is further configured to compare the data defining a departure date and departure time to any one or more of a current date and a current time and to only generate the second or/and third tokens if the current date is determined to match the departure date.

15. The device according to any one of claims 9 to 14 wherein the processing means is further configured to store a flag in a storage means, wherein the flag is indicative that the second or/and third tokens (801, 803) have been generated.

16. The device according to any one of claims 9 to 15 wherein the processing means is further configured to generate a print command to print the second or/and third token (801, 803).

17. The device according to any one of claims 9 to 16 wherein the token is a boarding pass (703, 705, 707) for use by a passenger, wherein the device is configured to read data from the boarding pass, wherein the boarding pass further comprises a boarding pass barcode, and wherein the barcode symbology of the token (100, 703, 705, 707) is different to a barcode symbology of the boarding pass barcode.

18. A computer processing system (101) for generating data for generating a token (100, 703, 705, 707) for use with an item handling system (109), the data defining a plurality of further tokens comprising a second token (801) and a third token (803), the system comprising processing means configured to:
    a. determine data associated with the plurality of further tokens (801, 803), the data comprising an identifier associated with the item for processing by the item handling system, wherein the data comprises data for independently generating each of the plurality of further tokens (801, 803); and wherein the format associated with the token (100) is different from the format associated with the plurality of further tokens (801, 803); and
    b. determine data defining the number of further tokens.

19. The computer processing system of claim 18 further comprising transmission means for transmitting the data to a user device (113) for generating the token (100, 703, 705, 707).

20. The computer processing system (101) according to any one of claims 18 or 19 wherein the token comprises a boarding pass (703, 705, 707) for use by a passenger, and wherein the boarding pass comprising a boarding pass barcode, and wherein the barcode symbology of the token (100, 703, 705, 707) is different to the symbology of the boarding pass barcode and wherein the computer processing system (101) is configured to read data from the boarding pass.