25 JUL 2002

STOCK CONTROL COMPUTER SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT

A stock control computer system includes a memory for storing a current list based on product codes An electronic version (23) of a store purchase receipt, including product codes for the items purchased, is sent from the store to the customer's home computer (30) where it is used to update the current stock list by addition of products purchased. Items are deleted from the current stock list as they are disposed of by the customer, in response to an electronic indication of the corresponding product codes produced, for example, by scanning product packaging (35) with a bar code scanner (34). When the customer initiates a home stock check, the current stock list is compared with a predetermined stock level and an indication of which items need replacement is produced. This indication may be displayed. printed or transmitted electronically to the store.

FIG 1



162162



G00002