Abstract

In an apparatus for operating a read/writer (1), comprising an antenna (2) and a read/write unit (17), for communication with an identification medium (5) via a communication link (4), a read/writer supply (3) and a read/writer (1) have a breakable connection (18) arranged between them. When there is a contactless (operative) interconnection (7) between the external power supply (6) and the read/writer (1), the connection (18) between the read/writer supply (3) and the read/writer (1) is open and the read/writer (1) can be operated with the identification medium (5).

(Figure 1)