

**Two-dimensional identification pattern, article including such a
pattern and methods for marking and identifying such a pattern**

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Abstract

The invention relates to a method for marking an article with an
identification pattern which may comprise information relating to the
10 article and/or to the use thereof, including the following steps: defining
an alphabet (AT1, AT2) consisting of a plurality of symbols; defining,
for each symbol, at least two valid states and at least one invalid state;
developing (S1) a reference pattern (P1, P2) including a set of symbols
from the above alphabet; developing (S2) at least one representation (P1',
15 P2') of said reference pattern by allocating a specific valid state to each
symbol of said reference pattern; and applying (S3) a marking,
reproducing said representation of the reference pattern, onto the article.

Fig. 3

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