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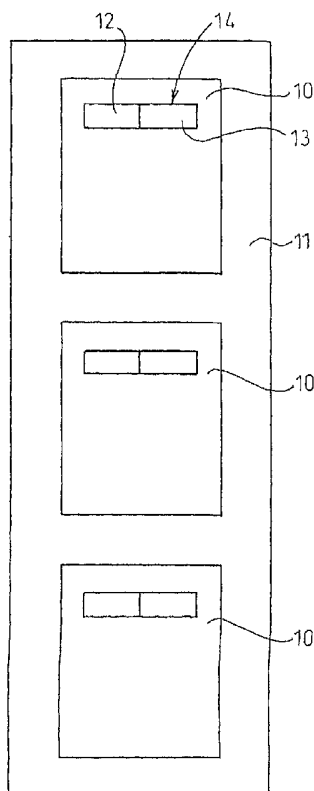
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(57) Abstract: Attestation label system for marking and checking the licensed legal status of products, wherein the products (3) are provided with respective attestation labels (10) before they are brought into sale, the affixed attestation label (10) cannot be removed from the associated product (3) without being injured, the surface of the attestation labels (3) comprise structures rendering copying and reproduction very difficult and a code field (14) divided into a first and a second domain (12, 13), the first domain (12) comprises a code characteristic to the owner of rights (1) and/or to the limitations of the license, and the second domain (13) comprises an individual code characteristic to the particular product (3) associated with the attestation label (10). The system is operated by a service provider (4) having a database (5) storing data both of said domains (12, 13); the database (5) following an accessibility check allows through a communication line (16) individual retrieval of said data, and said database (5) comprises information regarding the persons authorized for using the service and regarding the authorization.



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