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(54) Title: ELECTRONIC ACCESS CLIENT DISTRIBUTION APPARATUS AND METHODS

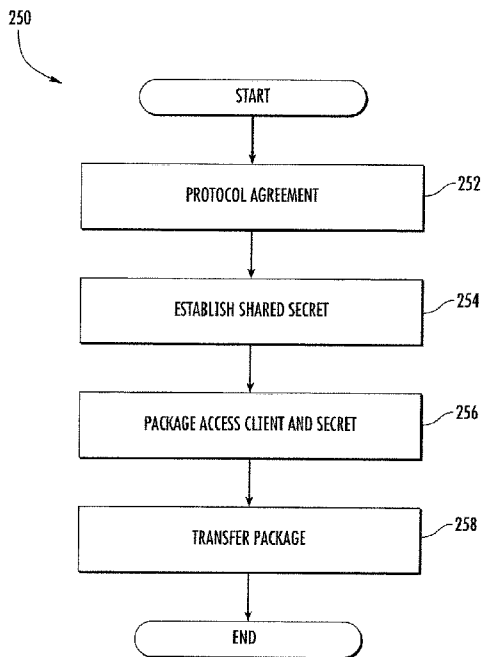


FIG. 2A

(57) Abstract: Apparatus and methods for distributing access control clients. In one exemplary embodiment, a network infrastructure is disclosed that enables delivery of electronic subscriber identity modules (eSIMs) to secure elements (e.g., electronic Universal Integrated Circuit Cards (eUICCs), etc.) The network architecture includes one or more of: (i) eSIM appliances, (ii) secure eSIM storages, (hi) eSIM managers, (iv) eUICC appliances, (v) eUICC managers, (vi) service provider consoles, (vii) account managers, (viii) Mobile Network Operator (MNO) systems, (ix) eUICCs that are local to one or more devices, and (x) depots. Moreover, each depot may include: (xi) eSIM inventory managers, (xii) system directory services, (xiii) communications managers, and/or (xiv) pending eSIM storages. Functions of the disclosed infrastructure can be flexibly partitioned and/or adapted such that individual parties can host portions of the infrastructure. Exemplary embodiments of the present invention can provide redundancy, thus ensuring maximal uptime for the overall network (or the portion thereof).

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A method and system for distributing eSIMs

2. claim: 7

A method for checking the integrity of transmitted cryptographic materials to a destination device

3. claim: 8

A method for checking the integrity of transmitted cryptographic materials to a destination device;

4. claims: 9-12

A method for ensuring secure delivery of one or more cryptographic materials from any of the plurality of network entities

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