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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to a method, apparatus, and system for color management by a retailer. The method, for example, includes comprising the steps of: choosing an engineered color standard (ECS); communicating the ECS to a product vendor; having a product produced using the ECS; and controlling the product's color quality by comparing the ECS to the produced product. The ECS preferably comprises reflectance data and a dye specification.



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