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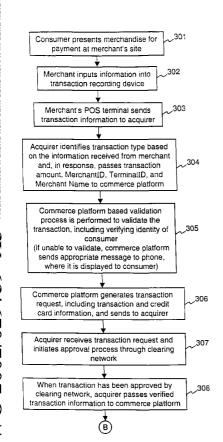
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A CREDIT BASED TRANSACTION BETWEEN A USER OF A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE AND A PROVIDER OF A PRODUCT OR SERVICE



(57) Abstract: A wireless telecommunications carrier operates a commerce platform in a trusted domain, which may store sensitive information associated with a consumer. During a credit card based transaction, a merchant's POS terminal sends transaction information to an acquirer. The acquirer recognizes the transaction type and responds by routing the transaction information to the commerce platform. The commerce platform validates the transaction by verifying the identify of the user. When the transaction is validated, the commerce platform notifies the acquire, which initiates a clearing process. When the transaction clears, the acquirer notifies the commerce platform and signals the merchant's POS terminal to output a paper receipt. The commerce platform stores a digital receipt of the transaction and signals the wireless device to output a confirmation message to the consumer. The consumer's credit card number and other sensitive information may be restricted to the trusted domain, which excludes the merchant.

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1. claims: 1-8 17-32 39-40 50-56

A method of facilitating a credit card transaction between a consumer and a provider of a product or service comprising a telecommunications carrier that provides the consumer with a wireless communication device and validates a credit card transaction between the consumer and the provider.

2. claims: 9-16 33-38 46-49

A method of facilitating a credit based transaction between a consumer and a provider of a product or service comprising the steps of storing credit account information within a trusted domain excluding both consumer and provider and using such information to validate a transaction between user and provider without sending the account information outside the trusted domain.

3. claims: 41-45

A method of facilitating a credit card transaction between a consumer and a provider of a product or service comprising the steps of: a)providing a computer implemented portal; b) storing personal information of the consumer within a trusted domain; c) generating session identifiers corresponding to a particular transaction; d) receiving confidential personal identification code and user-input session identifier from a wireless communication device to verify identity of a user; e) processing the above mentioned data using a clearing network to validate, authorize, and finally confirm completion of the transaction.

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