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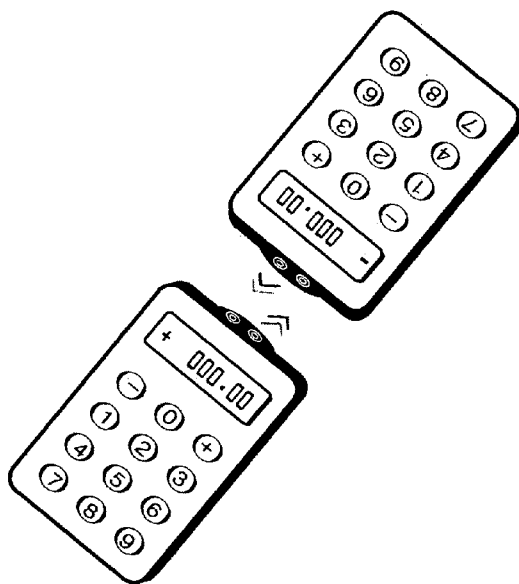


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(57) Abstract: The present invention called "Portable device for electronic payments" or "Electronic wallet calculator for cashless transactions" refers to a combined system of conversion, calculation and transmission of processed data for immediate and presential payments and revenues, through portable or fixed devices of close but contactless communication, which, in most models, is similar to a wallet calculator or a mobile phone, in which the basic functions of arithmetic operations designed to be subtraction (debit) or addition (credit) are only performed, whenever two similar or compatible devices establish a link of connectivity and synchronization of the processed, encoded and encrypted data between themselves, in a secure and off-line way, using infrared, radio frequency of short distance, or other forms of "contactless" transmission.

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DESCRIPTION

"PORTABLE DEVICE FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS"

" Portable device for electronic payments " or " Electronic wallet calculator for cashless transactions " .

Combined system for synchronization, conversion, calculating and transmitting of processed data to simultaneous transactions from debit and credit values to be employed in portable or fixed devices and mobile phones.

BACKGROUND

All known systems of direct or remote payment which were developed, patented and implemented according to the current state of the art for electronic cashless transactions and other offline and online systems that represent digital cash are based on issuing systems of payment orders on current, stored, control and loyalty accounts. For this purpose, and through applications on portable or fixed mobile devices, they can transfer data, funds or credits, that were stored in the memory of the respective accounts or platforms to other accounts or systems.

This fact implies inevitable security risks, such as the interception and the use of the transferred data by a third party, the dual use of the electronically presented figures/values (double spending) and the spread of the electronic trail left on all transactions.

To reduce or end the insecurity within electronic transactions and its consequences, there is only a solution that has no correspondence with any method, system or process of transfer of data, funds or stored credits, which will recognize the same advantages of real money, in terms of

security, anonymity, autonomy and independence, in the systems of payments and revenues without money " cashless " or offline transactions.

A "cashless" payment system that achieves the transaction of debit and credit values/figures, without implying any transfer of data or funds, that are stored in the memory of the respective accounts, will undoubtedly reduce the whole necessary technical approach, in order to grant an efficient solution to attain safe, reliable payments, in terms of value, integrity, efficiency, economy and acceptance.

There is currently no other process, method or proposal for "cashless" electronic transactions and payments, whose data might be transmissible, but not transferable, and also integrated in an off-line system, that should be:

- independent of banks, mobile operators or servers;
- autonomous 24 hours a day in real time and anywhere;
- 100% safe and free of costs, fees or commissions;
- anonymous and devoid of personal or confidential information;
- accepted and recognized by everyone, including minors and people, who don't use any bank or network;
- free and unbound to usage, loyalty or acceptance contracts;
- inviolable, unchangeable, not duplicable and immune to all kinds of fraud;
- compatible with assisted or unassisted manual or mechanical processing transactions, done in vending and automatic payment machines;
- it must allow payments in presence (face to face or person to person) (P2P);
- which exempts the dialing of codes and the employment of techniques of authentication, of privacy, authorization and non-rejection;

-and which does not require the access to mobile communication networks, terminals or systems of banking processing.

INTRODUCTION

Assigned to the category of mobile interface systems for processing and conversion of encrypted, tradable and non-transferable data, the new integrated calculator for electronic payments and revenues, proposes a new, innovative, pioneering solution for applications in new processes of dematerialization payments or money transactions that use mobile or fixed devices which work either by remote connection or physical presence, including mobile phones or POS terminals, in order to replace cash (coins and paper money) with electronic or digital money, thus ensuring the same standards of value, safety, integrity, anonymity and convenience as those given by cash payments.

It is about an integrated solution for electronic transmission and connection, which is established between two communication devices, that are near but contactless, synchronized by a system of transmission, conversion, calculation and processing of tradable data, respecting presential payments and revenues.

It can be also adapted to do transactions of remote, such as those accomplished through SMS or direct ATM, to reload and unload the account balance, by means of the available devices associated to a bank account.

All operations concerning presential payment and revenue transactions are independent of the regulator's, financial's or mobile operator's examination and authorization, being thus free of cost validation and authentication.

Operating in an autonomous system, in which values or credits can be stored in the memory of that system, you can avoid persistent access connections to mobile communication networks and to bank processing systems. This is the main advantage for transactions of low value or of high frequency, for terminal payments or of automatic charge, for payment of products and professional services, that do not accept any other sort of electronic payment, for transactions between individuals and between people without bank transactions and for confidential or circumstantial transactions, that are assumed in any place, time, situation or action and in locations without access.

All functions associated with the new process of monetary validation intend to replace payments that use coins, paper money, prepaid and debit cards by the new electronic transaction system, from a simple wallet calculator or mobile phone, turned into an e-wallet that pays and receives payments, in a single device that combines connection, synchronization and simultaneous bidirectional transmission of data to be converted into debt and credit values, which are tradable between two connected parties (debtor and creditor). Operating through a system of coded access and protected by encryption, which allows us to recognize the authenticity of the attached devices and the compatibility mode of the encrypted data, you can perform the respective operation of calculation (addition or subtraction), commanded by each one of the two synchronized calculators.

The advantages of the new application for presential transactions between natural or legal persons, traders, companies or institutions that use the new system of regulation, accreditation, certification and electronic portability for

payments and revenues, includes - besides safety, comfort, simplicity, convenience, economy, autonomy and independence - the universal acceptance of a mobile system that manages all transactions around the "digital cash", which is available in a "cardless ", an anti-coins e-wallet that carries no personal data, thus ensuring absolute security of " cashless" transactions and anonymity, confidentiality and privacy in the performed transactions.

It also has the advantage of being able to control every cent spent and every performed movement, to consult the available or accumulated balance at any time and to make payments through ATM terminals or through vending machines and automatic charge.

Built on the concept of universal electronic money, it is the only free system that fulfils the role of digital cash entirely, as this digital cash is anonymous and autonomous, irreversible and convertible, of stable, unalterable, transmissible, non-transferable, non-duplicable, of unrestricted and not terminable value, ensuring thus all requirements of safety, confidence, integrity, reliability, authenticity and acceptance.

CONCLUSION

The present invention, called Portable device for electronic payments or " Electronic wallet calculator for cashless transactions ", refers to a combined system of conversion, calculation and transmission of processed data for present, cashless, offline and in loco payments and revenues, which is established between two portable or fixed communication devices, which are near but without contact, and

through which a connection signal is created, via infrared or radio frequency of short distance, which enables the synchronization of a simultaneous bidirectional transmission of encrypted, non-transferable data from an encrypted matrix that can be only recognized by the encoded device with the same key. In this way, the respective operation of calculation (addition or subtraction) can be done by each one of the two connected calculators, provided that the typed value of the transaction is equal in both and that the signal of the operation is reversed, thus validating any immediate transaction with output / debit values converted to digits on the display of the calculator that subtracts the payable amount in the memory of its balance, simultaneously showing the same credit converted into digits on the display of the other calculator, that sums the amount it receives in the memory of its account's balance.

The operation mode of the present invention refers essentially to the adaptation and integration of the basic functions of an arithmetic calculator into a communication device, which establishes a contactless proximity, so that a connectivity link between two identical or compatible devices may be established. This happens through the synchronization via infrared, radio frequency of short range, which allows you to perform and validate the respective operation of calculation. That operation will be organized and assumed by each one of the two involved parties in the transaction (debtor and creditor), without any interference of a third party (financial agents or network operators) and does not involve any data transfer, funds or credits stored in the memory of the respective calculators.

It follows that the new tool enables you not only to pay but also to receive payments by simply adding or subtracting the value of the transaction in the respective memory of the calculator. This is only possible when two equal or compatible devices respectively assume the condition of one of the parties (debtor or creditor), establishing a contactless connection of proximity between each-other, that can be achieved via infrared or radio frequency of short distance, provided that both type in the same value and that both perform an inverse operation of calculation.

The connection between the (two) devices or systems is protected by a proper encryption, so that only compatible devices may assume the corresponding synchronization, making the arithmetic operation of the two calculators possible, whose count is subtracted or added to the respective memory. Thus, the payment transaction and revenue is established, and accepted by the two parties.

According to the invention, the portable system for cashless transactions comprises an electronic device, which is like a wallet calculator or a mobile phone in most models; it has got a keyboard until 16 keys, an eight-digit numeric display or a numeric display of one or two rows of 16 characters and an integrated system of programming, memory and arithmetic calculation for the operations of addition, subtraction and percentages, a sender and receiver module of infrared or radio frequency of short range, a communication module for "SMS", a system of encryption and personal authentication linked to a personal card "SIM", a converter of connectivity and compatibility, the system date/clock, a security module and an appropriate protocol to protect the adopted systems, and a battery power supply.

Besides the functions of simultaneous processing of conversion and calculation, communication and compatibility, the portable device for payments and revenues includes a registration system to consult the transactions performed in two separate memories, a sound signal to confirm each transaction, a personal authentication system connected to a communication module by SMS for transactions linked to a bank account, and an associated warning and lock system in case of error processing, anomaly, intrusion or attempted violation of the system.

According to its claims, the present invention is an alternative solution to the existing payment systems, by combining the functions of payment and revenue from the same device; by being autonomous and independent of mobile operators, regulators and financial institutions or systems; and by allowing the debit and credit transaction without the need of connection to terminals or mobile networks, ensuring presential transactions without costs, in real time and everywhere; by replacing payments in cash (coins and paper money) of all mechanical or manual processes through its adaptation to automatic charging and vending machines, fixed payment terminals, cash registers and ATMs; by admitting the transaction of debit or credit values, through mobile network SMS or through wireline ATM, to the associated bank account; and by excluding from its system all personal data that require the transfer or transmission of such data, jeopardizing the anonymity, the confidentiality and the privacy of transactions.

The integrated circuit systems, establishing the connection between the components or modules that form the new "cashless" payment device, admit multiple forms and possibilities

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of implementation and programming, which do not restrict or alter the scope and objective of the present invention, thus eliminating the presentation of any drawings or diagrams, that could be necessary to its understanding.

Merely as an example and without being restrictive, a way of implementing and operating the invention will be described below. To do that the following instructions are going to be employed for a reference model, from now on named calculator:

1 - As soon as the value of the transaction is stipulated, each one of the parties (debtor and creditor) connects the calculator on his/her device pressing the signal (0).

Then he/she types the value of the operation, so viewing in the display the respective importance.

2 - The two devices must come near to each other, a span away from each other, so that the transmission connection is straight, and in that position the debtor presses the signal (-) while the creditor presses the signal(+), until two zeros appear in the respective displays and a beep is heard, confirming at the time of the transaction that the arithmetic operations of each one of the two calculators were held; otherwise they will be locked and the operations won't done, since there was one of the 5 possible errors:

- a) The typed values for the transaction in the two calculators are not equal;
- b) The typed signals of addition or subtraction in the two calculators are equal;
- c) The subtracting value in one of the calculators is higher than the value of the respective memory;
- d) A failure or malfunction of the system was detected;
- e) One of the calculators is not compatible;

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3- To consult the balance of the current account in the memory, you should neatly click on the keys with signal (0) and (+).

To consult the last transaction and all prior transactions click repeatedly on the key signal (-) after clicking on the keys signal (0) and (+) that start the consultation.

4- To clean or bring to zero the indicated value on the display neatly click on the keys signal (+) or (-) and (0).

5- To turn off the calculator and the device, click neatly on the signal keys (0) and (-).

6- To load or unload the calculator with a debit or a credit balance through ATM and from an associated bank account, enter the value and click the signal of the desired operation (+) or (-), and then type up the link key SMS, following the instructions you will receive from the registered mobile phone number, where the operation data and the request of reply to this situation are posted, so that the typed operation in the calculator may be immediately handled.

7- To load or unload the calculator with a debit or a credit balance through ATM and from an associated bank account, you must use the ATM card to access the respective bank account and to access the menu of operations " Rutbanking " so that, when approaching the portable display " Contactless " to the ATM panel, the entered transaction in the calculator may run.

8- To make payments on machines for automatic debits / charges, prepayment machines, vending machines, terminals or payment controllers, follow the instructions, so that, by approaching the portable device of the contactless display of those machines, the entered operation in the calculator may run.

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CLAIMS

1 - "Portable device for electronic payments" or "Electronic wallet calculator for cashless transactions", consisting of a wallet calculator or mobile phone, a communication system of integrated proximity without contact, in which the calculation operations and arithmetic programming are performed, when a reciprocal connection between two compliant devices is established, and which comprises a component of hardware that includes: a transmitter /receiver for infrared or radio frequency of short distance, a microcontroller of conversion and synchronization data, a microprocessor for programming and arithmetic calculation, an additional memory, a calculator screen with control keys for arithmetic functions of addition and subtraction, including the numerals 0 to 9 and the activation functions of memory, a display or screen for display presentation of the recorded amounts in the calculator's memory and of the added or subtracted values from this memory, a firmware component, a SIM card authentication, an optional module for communication via SMS, an optional date/clock module and an electric battery or power supply.

2- " Portable device for electronic payment ", according to claim 1, characterized in that the means for the user interface (Keypad and display panel) that control the connection between the unit of processing and all components of the device are configured on a scheduled, consolidated and synchronized basis, for the simultaneous execution of the conversion, transmission, connection, calculation and memory functions.

3 - " Portable device for electronic payments," according to claims 1 and 2, characterized in that it integrates a transmitter and a receiver system of infrared or radio frequency of short distance, that establishes, between two compatible devices, a simultaneous two-way transmission of the data of an arithmetic calculation, that were typed in the respective calculators, and also establishes the exchange of the encoded or encrypted data of hardware authentication.

4 - " Portable device for electronic payments," according to claims 1 and 3, characterized in that it integrates a system of conversion and synchronizing data, that recognizes the encoded or encrypted data of hardware authentication, when two compatible devices are connected and also recognize the synchronized data of arithmetic programming, when the values entered in the two calculators are equal, and the operations done by the two calculators are reversed, and the subtracted value in one of the calculators is equal to or less than the amount accumulated in the respective memory.

5 - " Portable device for electronic payments," according to claim 4 , characterized in that it integrates a system for processing and calculation, which performs arithmetic operations of addition and subtraction, when two compatible devices are connected and the operated data in the two calculators are synchronized in the same way.

6 - " Portable device for electronic payment", according to claims 1, 2 and 5, characterized in that it integrates a processing system and memory, which allows you to consult and check the remaining balance of your current account and the latest added or subtracted values of this account, whose

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data are recorded in a memory, so that they can be displayed on the display or preview pane.

7 - " Portable device for electronic payments, " according to claim 6, characterized in that the added, subtracted, or accumulated values in the memory of a calculator and shown on the display or preview pane, represent the money, funds or credits that are transacted in the memory of that calculator, in the form of non-transferable electronic data, and that are generated, stored or deleted automatically in each transaction.

8 - " Portable device for electronic payments," according to claim 1, 2, 3 and 4, characterized in that it integrates a system of processing and security, which irreversibly deletes the encoded or encrypted data of the hardware authentication, when a device or system is subjected to an adverse, unplanned or unauthorized action, definitely blocking and canceling all forms of operation and validity of this device

9 - " Portable device for electronic payments," according to claims 7 and 8, characterized in that the system comprises a certifying authority, which is a financial or an issuing entity of electronic currency that converts all transacted amounts into the currency, certifying the validity of the devices with an expiration date.

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FIGURE

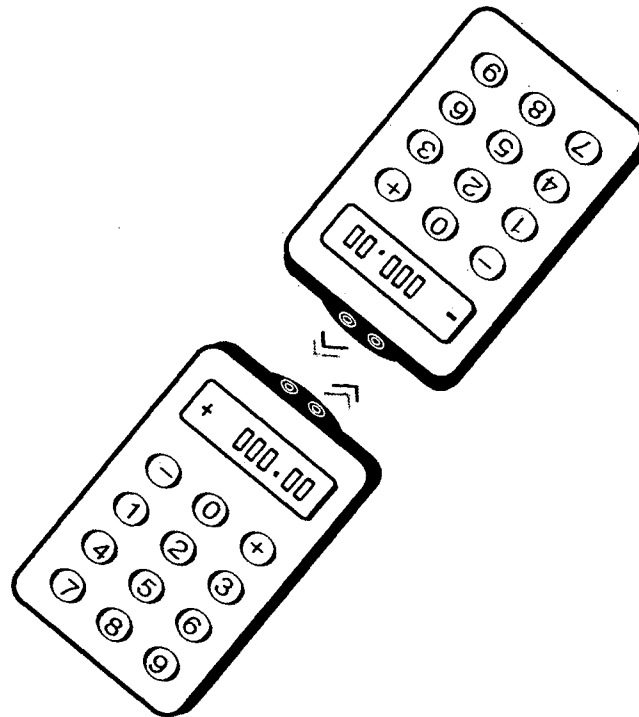


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