

Title (en)  
Postage printing system having secure reporting of printer errors

Title (de)  
Frankiersystem mit sicherer Fehlerberichtung von einem Drucker

Title (fr)  
Système d'affranchissement avec système sécurisé de relevé d'erreurs d'une imprimante

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Abstract (en)  
A postage printing system (100) includes a printer (160) and a postage meter (120). The printer (160) includes a memory (164), a print device (166) for printing a postal indicia and a controller in operative communication with the printer memory (164) and the print device (166). The postage meter (120) includes a memory (132, 142) and is physically separable from and in operative communication with the printer (160). The printer controller (162) detects a fault condition, stores a record of the fault condition in a history file within the printer memory (164) and, following a successful mutual authentication between the printer (160) and the postage meter (120), uploads the history file from the printer memory (164) to the postage meter memory for subsequent reporting to a data center (50). <IMAGE>

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