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(54) **Method for tracking and tracing goods**

(57) A method for tracking and tracing goods having a communication set (Boxy) packed along with them, which communication set is capable of determining, on the basis of information obtained from public communication networks and information on the planned transportation route, whether a predetermined deviation from the planning is exceeded. An observed exceeding event is reported via the communication network to the central planning computer, which optionally sends back an alternative planning. The actual position of the goods is determined on the basis of transmitter identification codes of the communication network. The Boxes can communicate via a local communication channel to exchange data and to determine which Boxy is located in the most favorable position to take onto itself the reporting to the central planning computer.

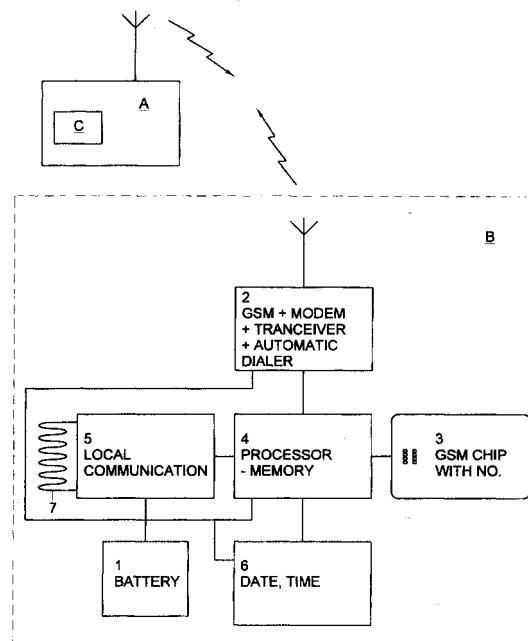


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