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**(54) Method for delivering valuable objects or the like to a client and apparatus for carrying out such a method**

(57) In order to have valuable object or the like delivered to clients, the client can order a valuable object from a supplier via a communication link, and said supplier makes the ordered valuable object available to the client. An ordered valuable object is provided with an object identification that can be machine-read, which identification is linked to a client identification, wherein the object identification and the client identification are registered in a data file. Ordered valuable objects are placed in at least one device for delivering valuable objects, wherein the data file is stored in a memory of a control unit of the device. The device includes a control panel for the client as well as client identification means. An ordered valuable object can be dispensed by the device, once a client has been identified, under the control of a user interface programme. A device that is suitable for carrying out this method comprises a safe for storing said valuable objects, a control panel for the client, a delivering system for delivering valuable objects to the client, which system comprises a delivering opening outside the safe, which is accessible to the client, a control unit and a display for communication with the client. The safe includes a number of compartments for containers in which valuable objects are packed, wherein the control unit is arranged for detecting the presence of containers in the compartments. The containers are provided, at least in part, with an object identification, wherein the control unit comprises a memory, in which a data file containing object identifications and client

identifications linked therewith can be stored. The control unit is arranged for signalling to a client upon identification of said client that a container that is intended for said client is present in the device. The control unit is furthermore arranged for delivering said container by means of the delivering system upon operation of the control panel.

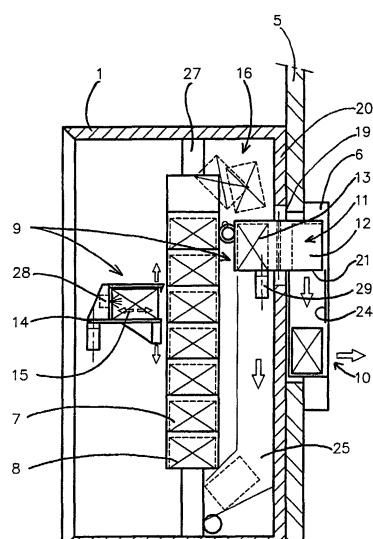


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