

The invention relates to a security element (12, 18) comprising a carrier film (20) and a covering layer (22; 42; 50) applied to the carrier film (20). Said covering layer contains recesses (24; 30, 32, 34; 44) in the form of signs or patterns presenting a first set of information that can be read in a visual and/or mechanical manner. In addition, a printed image (26; 36, 38, 40; 46, 48; 52) is arranged in the recesses (24; 30, 32, 34; 44) in good register, said image presenting a second set of information that can be read in a visual and/or mechanical manner, the first and second sets of information differing from each other.