

The invention relates to a method for verifying the authenticity of a franking note that is created by using a franking key and is applied to a piece of mail. Cryptographic data, which is contained in said franking mark, is decoded and is used for verifying whether the franking mark is authentic. The inventive method is characterized in that a new franking key is generated and is transmitted to local fee-securing systems (ZinS-lokal) by a central database (ZinS Zentral-System).