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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a transponder tag (**10**) that is operable by a mobile telephone, a mobile telephone for operating such a transponder tag (**10**), a method of operating the transponder tag (**10**), and a method for detecting the presence of a portable object. The transponder tag comprises a receiving unit (**20**) for receiving a wireless input signal. The transponder tag (**10**) is configured to obtain energy (EG) from the received input signal and to use the energy (EG) obtained from the input signal for transmitting by way of a wireless short-range connection a wireless output signal (SSR) that corresponds to a tag information (ITG) of the transponder tag (**10**). The receiving unit (**20**) is configured to receive a wireless input signal (STUP) at a frequency of at least one uplink band of a mobile telephone network. In this way, radiation energy of the mobile phone is used to achieve an energy-efficient and reliable operation of the transponder tag as long as the latter is located within a short distance of the mobile phone. This is useful for numerous applications. For example a person may use his/her mobile telephone to obtain a quick overview and/or a reliable confirmation that all his/her personnel belongings, e.g. keys or medical box, are "on board" at the moment the person leaves home.