

Sonoco Launches Family of New Insulated Pallet Shippers

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New ThermoSafe temperature assurance packaging solutions provide fewer packing components; easy assembly

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill., Sept. 26, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- ThermoSafe Brands, a unit of Sonoco (NYSE: SON), has launched a family of new temperature-assured polyurethane-insulated pallet shippers for use in the United States and Europe for the bulk distribution of pharmaceuticals and other biotechnology products.

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According to Vicki Arthur, vice president of Sonoco's Protective Packaging division, a leading North American provider of protective packaging solutions, the ThermoSafe® SPS Series Pallet Shippers are designed to provide off-the-shelf convenience and easy assembly, meeting the unique needs of high-value life science products.

"ThermoSafe's new insulated pallet shippers use Sonoco's patented SonoPost® components, which provide structural stability and air flow for top and bottom refrigerants – a first in the industry," said Arthur. "These proven temperature-assurance shippers have fewer packing components with self-supporting panels that can be assembled in 15 minutes or less. They are ideal for third-party logistics and bulk shipments of biologic products and can use the same configuration for all seasons."

In addition to the new shippers, ThermoSafe will display several state-of-the-art, off-the-shelf temperature-assurance products, including its patented GreenBox, Certis and Envoy products at the annual IQPC Cold Chain Conference, Sept. 25-27, at Chicago's McCormick Place, Booth 50-51. During the conference, ThermoSafe will present a workshop on thermal modeling and design, and is co-presenting a case study on pallet shipper design for international shipments with Abbott Labs. For details about ThermoSafe at the conference or to receive a copy of the case study, please contact Prakash Mahesh, vice president of marketing and business development, at Prakash.Mahesh@sonoco.com.

About ThermoSafe

ThermoSafe is the industry leader in temperature assurance packaging in North America. ThermoSafe is part of Sonoco, a 113-year-old global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging and packaging supply chain services. With net sales of approximately \$4.5 billion in 2011, Sonoco has more than 19,600 employees working in over 340 operations in 34 countries, serving many of the world's best known brands in some 85 nations. Sonoco is a proud member of the 2012/2013 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at www.sonoco.com.

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