

Sonoco ThermoSafe Launches Certis® Pre-Qualified Pallet Shipper

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Customs-friendly, lightweight and cost-effective alternative to ship 40x48 refrigerated pallet loads

Arlington Heights, Ill. –Sonoco ThermoSafe, a unit of Sonoco (NYSE:SON) and a leading global provider of temperature assurance packaging, has launched the Certis RP Pre-Qualified Pallet Shipper. The shipper accepts a full 40- inch-by-48-inch pallet load and will maintain pharmaceuticals, biologics, vaccines, APIs and other high-value products between 2°C and 8°C during shipment. Utilizing Sonoco ThermoSafe’s patent-pending natural convection design, it is one of the smallest and lightest shippers available that can transport a full pallet load.

“The Certis RP is a real breakthrough in performance for our customers,” said Ben VanderPlas, global product manager, Sonoco ThermoSafe. “Our natural convection design requires no side refrigerants, making it customs friendly while greatly reducing weight and assembly time. This, coupled with our ZERO BENCH-TIME™ refrigerant technology, makes the shipper more cost effective overall compared to active heating and cooling units in many cases.”

Russell Grissett, VP/GM of Sonoco ThermoSafe, added, “Our customers are continually concerned about logistics costs and the potential loss of product due to temperature excursions. The Certis RP is up to 24 percent lighter and 17 percent smaller than other shippers with similar sized payloads, yet it is robust enough to hold 2°C and 8°C for more than five days with only top and bottom refrigerants. This is a truly remarkable feat of engineering.”

The Certis RP pallet shipper is pre-qualified to Sonoco ThermoSafe’s new ISCSilver® Global ambient profile and is part of our greater Certis series of pre-qualified pallet shippers. Visit www.thermosafe.com/certispalletshipper to learn more.

Sonoco ThermoSafe is a leading global provider of temperature assurance packaging for the safe and efficient transport of pharmaceuticals, biologics, vaccines and other temperature-sensitive products. Sonoco ThermoSafe shipping solutions mitigate risk for our customers and ensure product efficacy throughout the extremes of a supply chain. With operations in North America, Europe and Asia, Sonoco ThermoSafe has a vast product offering featuring industry-leading technology that encompasses refrigerated, frozen or controlled room temperature applications. In addition, Sonoco ThermoSafe's ISC Labs® design and testing services deliver individualized and innovative packaging solutions along with qualification and validation services to meet all regulatory requirements. More information can be found at www.thermosafe.com.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging and packaging supply chain services. With annualized net sales of approximately \$4.9 billion, the Company has more than 19,900 employees working in 335 operations in 33 countries, serving many of the world’s best-known brands in some 85 nations. Sonoco is a proud member of the 2013/2014 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at sonoco.com.

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