

New Temperature Assurance Packaging Minimizes Dimensional Weight

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Sonoco ThermoSafe's Envoy® Direct Series, Designed for Direct-to-Patient Shipments, Reduces Shipping Costs

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill., Nov. 19, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sonoco ThermoSafe, a unit of Sonoco (NYSE:SON) and a leading global provider of temperature assurance packaging, has launched a series of shipping solutions for temperature-sensitive products shipped direct-to-patient. The Envoy® Direct Series has been optimized to reduce dimensional weight, lowering total shipping costs and improving operational efficiency in specialty pharmacy, mail-order pharmacy and pharmacy benefit management environments. This product line becomes available in advance of new dimensional weight-based shipping policies that take effect at the beginning of 2015 for several major shippers.

"The Envoy Direct line of temperature-controlled solutions was designed in accordance with market feedback," said Marianne Hoonakker-Kelly, business development and market manager. "The refrigerant component configurations remain the same for all seasons, which simplifies the assembly. The Envoy Direct series is the first optimized line for direct-to-patient distribution that balances total cost, operational needs and product protection."

The Envoy Direct series maintains refrigerated temperatures for a duration of one day and is tested to the ISTA 7E profile. Depending on the level of protection required, the packaging solutions are available with either PolarPack® gel packs or PolarPack® foam bricks as refrigerants. For more information, visit thermosafe.com/envoy or thermosafe.com/lastmile, or call 800-225-7443 to discuss which Envoy Direct solution is specific to your shipping needs.

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 thermosafe.com.

About Sonoco:

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