

Sonoco ThermoSafe Launches 3-Day and 5-Day Shipping Solutions for Temperature-Sensitive Pharmaceuticals and Biologics

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New ZERO Bench-Time® Shippers Optimize Inventory, Provide Lowest Total Cost of Ownership

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill., July 12, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sonoco ThermoSafe, a unit of Sonoco (NYSE:SON) and a leading global provider of temperature assurance packaging, has launched a robust and efficient line of 3-Day and 5-Day temperature controlled packaging solutions for the distribution of pharmaceutical and biological products. The Certis platform provides solutions for products that need 2-8°C, 15-25°C and frozen temperature control. Each solution features a universal pack-out design for use in both hot and cold seasons while accommodating the demands of cross-hemispheric shipments.

“The Certis platform revolutionizes inventory management and reduces total cost of ownership by utilizing three types of refrigerants and eight shippers to create 24 shipping solutions,” said Vishal Khushalani, director of global marketing and business development, Sonoco ThermoSafe. “Our innovative designs ensure ease of personnel training by utilizing the same refrigerant pack-out for 3-Day or 5-Day shipments. Simply substitute the outer insulated shipper to alter the duration. Our unique ZERO Bench-Time® technology enables customers to immediately pack-out each solution, which significantly reduces assembly time and space requirements.”

Russell Grissett, vice president of Sonoco ThermoSafe, added, “As shipments of pharmaceuticals and biologics increase globally, we are proud to present an entire range of parcel shipping solutions that can maintain strict temperatures in excess of 120 hours. Innovations like the Certis Platform are focused on helping our customers simplify their operations while maintaining product efficacy across their global supply chain.”

The Certis Platform is designed to Sonoco ThermoSafe’s ISC regional and global temperature profiles for shipping in excess of 3-Days and 5-Days respectively. Solutions for 2-8°C, 15-25°C and frozen are available in payload sizes of 6L, 14L, 26L and 56L in both U.S. and European facilities. Visit www.thermosafe.com/certisplatform to learn more.

About Sonoco ThermoSafe

Sonoco ThermoSafe, a unit of Sonoco (NYSE:SON), 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

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