



Mallinckrodt Baker

COVIDIEN'S MALLINCKRODT BAKER ADDS 2.5-LITER HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE PACKAGING FOR REAGENT ACIDS

Innovative, high-density packaging reduces costs and improves safety in analytical laboratories

Phillipsburg, New Jersey – August 18, 2008 - Covidien (NYSE: COV, BSX: COV), a leading global provider of healthcare products, today announced that its Mallinckrodt Baker business has added a new 2.5-liter high-density polyethylene (HDPE) bottle as a packaging option for its J.T.Baker® chemicals and Mallinckrodt® chemicals brand reagent acids. The new bottle offers laboratory technicians a durable packaging alternative that enhances laboratory safety and reduces costs, while meeting industry standard size requirements.

Complementing Mallinckrodt Baker's current product portfolio, the new 2.5-liter bottle maintains product purity and is easy to handle in a laboratory setting. Available to customers at a lower cost than its standard glass counterpart, the new HDPE bottle also provides a cost-effective answer to rising expenses in the analytical lab market. Additionally, its lighter weight reduces shipping costs, which allows savings to be passed on to the customer.

“As one of only a few companies to offer this packaging configuration, Mallinckrodt Baker has again taken a leadership role in the laboratory industry by providing a 2.5-liter HDPE container option for our customers,” said Russell Thorpe, global marketing director, laboratory products, Mallinckrodt Baker. “The company is committed to providing products that help our customers promote safe laboratory practices and improve cost-efficiency.”

Customers can learn more about the new 2.5-liter acids bottle offerings, as well as Mallinckrodt Baker's complete product offering, by visiting www.mallbaker.com or by calling 1-800-JTBAKER (800-582-2537).

ABOUT MALLINCKRODT BAKER

Mallinckrodt Baker is a manufacturer of high purity chemicals and related products and services sold under two well-known and respected brand names - J.T.Baker[®] and Mallinckrodt[®] Laboratory Chemicals. These products are widely used in research and quality control laboratories, microelectronics, environmental testing laboratories and universities, and for manufacturing in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and other industrial markets. Based in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, Mallinckrodt Baker is part of Covidien.

ABOUT COVIDIEN

Covidien is a leading global healthcare products company that creates innovative medical solutions for better patient outcomes and delivers value through clinical leadership and excellence. Covidien manufactures, distributes and services a diverse range of industry-leading product lines in four segments: Medical Devices, Imaging Solutions, Pharmaceutical Products and Medical Supplies. With 2007 revenue of nearly \$9 billion, Covidien has more than 42,000 employees worldwide in 57 countries, and its products are sold in over 130 countries. Please visit www.covidien.com to learn more about our business.

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