

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 19, 2009  
SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY**

Commission File No. 0-516

Incorporated under the laws  
of South Carolina

I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No. 57-0248420

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**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 19, 2009, the Executive Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Sonoco Products Company (the Company ) adopted the following policy prohibiting tax gross-ups in future executive compensation programs:

It is the policy of the Compensation Committee not to use tax gross-ups as a part of the compensation or benefits provided to executives of the Company; provided, however, that this policy shall not apply (i) to the tax gross-ups currently provided to eight officers pursuant to existing agreements to pay premiums on frozen executive life insurance policies that replaced the officers' former split dollar life insurance policies, nor (ii) to gross-ups which cover certain expenses under the Company's salaried employee relocation policy, which includes executive officers.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY**

Date: October 22, 2009

By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer  
C.J. Hupfer  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer