Supplier Reference Guide: Vacuum Packing

When providing vacuum-packaged products, it is imperative to adhere to Colony Brands' expectations to ensure efficient inventory management from storage to transportation to our customers. For any queries regarding the details, kindly reach out to the <u>nonfoodpkgspecs@colonybrands.com</u> inbox for further information.

Colony Brands' Expectations for Vacuum Packaging are as follows:

- Each single selling unit must arrive vacuum-packed with a minimum bag thickness of 3 mil and maintain a proper seal to prevent any air leakage during storage in our facilities and transportation to our customers.
- All vacuum-packed products under the same pack number or PLN must maintain consistent packaging dimensions.
- All vacuum-packed products require a use/care insert (artwork provided by sourcing contact) to enable our customers to identify
 the necessary steps required before usage. Insert must be visible from the outside of the primary packaging, please refer to the
 photo provided at the end of the document as an example.
- Each item must arrive vacuum-packed with a **double seal** to prevent any air leakage in our facilities.

If the vacuum-packed item exceeds 26 inches in the largest dimension, 15 inches in the second largest dimension, or is over 1.5 cubic feet, a single selling unit remailer must be provided for the vacuum-packed item. Please note that items should be folded before vacuum/compression packing to meet these requirements if applicable.

If a remailer is required based on your product type and size, please adhere to the below details regarding vacuum-packed remailers.

Remailer Required: Vacuum Packaged

- Anything exceeding 26 inches in the longest dimension
- Anything exceeding 15 inches in the second longest dimension
- Anything over 1.5 cubic feet
- Any product that is close to meeting the above criteria and arriving vacuum-packed will require an additional polybag that has a minimum thickness of 2 mil, along with a single selling unit remailer carton that provides an **appropriate fit** for the vacuum-packaged item.
- When using remailers, please ensure that each unit is **sufficiently taped shut** by using three pieces of 3-inch tape on each end of the carton to maintain compression throughout the extended shelf life. Photos have been provided below for reference.

Use / Care Insert Example



Double Seal Example





Remailer Tape Example