

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

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July 16, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): July 16, 2003

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

Incorporated under the
laws of South Carolina

Commission File No. 0-516

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

One North Second Street

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Hartsville, South Carolina 29551-0160

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit 99 Registrant's 2003 Second Quarter Earnings Release

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure; Information Provided Pursuant to Item 12.

Second Quarter Earnings

Pursuant to Item 12 of this form, please see Exhibit 99 for the Registrant's 2003 second quarter earnings release.

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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
(Registrant)

Date: July 16, 2003

By: /s/ C. J. Hupfer

C. J. Hupfer
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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