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tainer body or lid, filter means disposed inwardly of the passage within the container and flow reversal prevention means located downstream in the passage from the filter, the flow reversal prevention means allowing air to be withdrawn from the container and preventing air from reentering the container through the passage.

2. The container of claim 1 wherein the container body has a bottom, having a plurality of slots sized for accepting the forks of a fork truck or hand truck therein.

3. The container of claim 1 wherein the container body has sidewalls, and the lid and sidewalls have grooves which are alignable, and further comprising straps disposable in the grooves for securing the lid to the container.

4. The container of claim 1 further comprising an opening in the container body or lid, and pressure sensing means disposed in the opening.

5. The container of claim 4 wherein the pressure sensing means is a grommet having a deformable membrane therein, the membrane being convex when the

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container is at atmospheric pressure, and being concave when the container is under vacuum.

6. The container of claim 1 wherein the container body and lid are composed of plastic.

7. The container of claim 6 wherein the plastic is from the group consisting essentially of polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, nylon, polycarbonate and polyester.

8. The container of claim 1 wherein the filter means comprises a high efficiency particulate air filter having a removal efficiency rating of 5 micron to 99 plus percent.

9. The container of claim 1 wherein the flow reversal prevention means comprises a ball check valve, a flap check valve or a collapsible rubber check valve.

10. The container of claim 1 wherein the container body is round, square, or rectangular.

11. The container of claim 1 wherein the lid includes a plurality of sockets, and the container bottom includes a plurality of projections, the projections and sockets being so positioned as to be matable for stabilized stacking of a second container on the first container.

12. The container of claim 1 further comprising a seal disposable on a lid of the container for sealing the lid to the container.

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