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M.A. Silva is First Cork Company to Receive ISO 22000:2005 Certification

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M.A. Silva Cortiças, Lda., the exclusive supplier for **M.A. Silva Corks, USA**, was awarded ISO 22000:2005 food safety certification following official testing December 12 and 13, 2005. It is one of the first companies in the world to be certified with this new standard, and the first cork producer to garner the distinction.

ISO 22000 standardizes the requirements for systematically managing safety in food supply chains and offers a unique solution for good practices on a worldwide basis. "As a global player, we welcome ISO 22000:2005 because it provides us with a normative reference that can be recognized and accepted worldwide," said **Manuel Silva Sr.**, founder and president M.A. Silva Cortiças, Lda. "ISO 22000 certification enables us to offer our customers the guarantee that our natural corks are a strong link in the supply chain, and demonstrates the advantages of using a natural product to seal wine bottles."

The ISO 22000 standard was developed within the **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** by experts from the food industry and representatives of specialized international organizations in close cooperation with the **Codex Alimentarius Commission**, the body jointly established by the **United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** and **World Health Organization (WHO)** to develop food standards.

Established in 2000, M. A. Silva Corks, USA is a collaborative effort between Manuel Silva Sr. of M.A. Silva Cortiças, Lda., and **Neil Foster**.



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