

CONFORMITY DECLARATION

Amorim Cork S.A., as a manufacturer of natural cork stoppers, declares that this product is intended for use as a closure for bottles containing still wines or other beverages with an alcohol content not exceeding 20% and a carbonation level not exceeding 2.5 g/L of CO₂.

Natural cork stoppers must be used in strict accordance with the recommendations set forth in the corresponding technical data sheet, including, but not limited to, the conditions of use, specifically the recommended temperatures.

MATERIALS AND OBJECTS INTENDED TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH FOOD

Natural cork stoppers are suitable for contact with foodstuffs and comply with the applicable regulations, legislation, and guidelines listed below:

- **Regulation (EC) No. 1935/2004**, on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food;
- **Regulation (EC) No. 2023/2006**, on the principles of Good Manufacturing Practices;
- **Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011** and its amendments, concerning plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food; ⁽¹⁾
- **Regulation (EU) No. 2024/3190**, as corrected by **Regulation (EU) No. 2026/250**, regarding the restriction on the use of bisphenol A (BPA) and its salts;
- **International Code of Cork Stopper Manufacturing Practices**, accredited by Systecode – CE Liège;
- **Resolution ResAP(2004)2**, concerning cork stoppers and other cork materials intended to come into contact with food;
- **Resolution ResAP(2004)5**, concerning silicones intended to come into contact with food;
- **Resolution CM/Res(2020)9**, concerning the safety and quality of materials and articles intended to come into contact with food;
- *“Cork materials and articles for contact with food – A technical guide for manufacturers and regulators”* (EDQM, 1st edition, 2025);
- **Annex 10 of the Ordinance of the FDHA on materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (SR 817.023.21)**, regarding the use of ink in the customization of corks;
- **FDA Regulation: CFR Title 21 - Food and Drugs, parts 175.210, 178.1005, 178.1010, 178.3710 and 178.3720**
- **Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 – Californian Proposition 65**;
- Chinese **National Standard of Food Safety GB 4806.1-2016, GB 4806.7-2023 and 9685-2016**.⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ in accordance with the limit established by Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011 for total migration levels in the simulants 20% v/v hydroalcoholic solution and 3% acetic acid solution, which are less than 60 mg/L, with tests conducted on 75 cL glass bottles with an internal mouth diameter of 18.5 mm.

⁽²⁾ these standards are compared with Regulation (EU) No. 1935/2004 (GB 4806.1-2016) and Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011 (GB 4806.7-2023 and GB 9685-2016)

We are actively collaborating with our suppliers to obtain all the necessary information to ensure that natural cork stoppers comply with **Regulation (EU) No. 2025/351**. We would also like to inform you that this regulation provides for a transition period, with full implementation scheduled for September 16, 2026; therefore, the processes for adaptation and verification of compliance are currently underway.

With regard to Japanese legislation, “**Amendment of the Japanese Food Sanitation Act**,” we state that, given the nature and composition of natural cork stoppers, this regulation does not apply to our products. Nevertheless, and in line with a precautionary approach, we have assessed the substances used in the manufacturing process and confirmed that they do not fall within the scope of the Positive List (PL), the most recent version of which took effect on June 1, 2025.

List of Substances and Restrictions

The following table lists substances that are included in the composition of chemical products used in the manufacture of natural cork stoppers, according to the composition description contained in the technical data sheets, safety data sheets and declarations of conformity of the mentioned products, the allocation of these substances in lists of substances and any applicable restrictions.

Components Designation	N. CAS	N. PM	Regulation	Restrictions
Waxes, paraffinic, refined, derived from petroleum base or synthetic hydrocarbon feedstocks (3) (5)	-	95858	Regulation (UE) nº 10/2011, Annex I Cork materials and articles for contact with food – A technical guide for manufacturers and regulators (EDQM, 1 st edition, 2025)	SML = 0,05 mg/kg and in compliance with the specifications laid down in Annex I of Regulation (UE) Nº10/2011
acrylic acid, triester with polyethyleneglycol trither with 2-ethyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-propanediol (4)	28961-43-5	-	Annex 10 of the Ordinance of the FDHA on materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (SR 817.023.21)	SML = 0,05 mg/kg
Phenylbis(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl)phosphine oxide (4)	162881-26-7	-	Annex 10 of the Ordinance of the FDHA on materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (SR 817.023.21)	SML = 3,3 mg/kg

Components Designation	N. CAS	N. PM	Regulation	Restrictions
4,4'-Isopropylidenediphenol, oligomeric reaction products with 1-chloro-2,3-epoxypropane esters with acrylic acid (4)	55818-57-0	-	Annex 10 of the Ordinance of the FDHA on materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (SR 817.023.21)	SML = 0,05 mg/kg
Glycerol propoxylated, esters with acrylic acid (4)	52408-84-1	-	Annex 10 of the Ordinance of the FDHA on materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (SR 817.023.21)	SML = 0,05 mg/kg
Trimethylolpropane triacrylate (4)	15625-89-5	-	Annex 10 of the Ordinance of the FDHA on materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (SR 817.023.21)	SML = 0,05 mg/kg
Polydimethylsiloxane (5)	63148-62-9	76721	Regulation (UE) nº 10/2011, Annex I Cork materials and articles for contact with food – A technical guide for manufacturers and regulators (EDQM, 1 st edition, 2025)	In compliance with the specifications laid down in Annex I of Regulation (UE) nº 10/2011
			Resolution AP (2004)5 List 1	ADI = 1,5 mg/kg b.w.

⁽³⁾ applicable to the cork production process

⁽⁴⁾ applicable to ink marking on the side of the stopper

⁽⁵⁾ applicable to surface treatment

Caption

N. CAS: Registration nº at the Chemical Abstract Service

N. PM: Reference nº of the EC package material

SML: Specific migration limit

ADI: Acceptable daily intake

b.w.: Body weight

PPWR – PACKAGING AND PACKAGING WASTE REGULATION

We declare that the natural cork stopper complies with the specifications of Regulation (EU) No 2025/40, Article 5, with regard to the content of heavy metals and concentrations of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The indicated substances are also not intentionally added in the manufacturing process.

Although cork stoppers are excluded from the applicability of Article 6 with regard to recyclability requirements, as shown in the excerpt transcribed below, it should be noted that cork stoppers still have the potential to be recycled, complying with the principles established by this regulation.

The exception is defined in Article 6, paragraph 11:

«11. This Article shall not apply to the following:

*(g) sales packaging made from lightweight wood, **cork**, textile, rubber, ceramic, porcelain or wax; however, paragraph 8 shall apply to such packaging.»*

The reason of this exception is explained in Whereas (34) of PPWR: *«Sales packaging made from lightweight wood, **cork**, textile, rubber, ceramic or porcelain should also be exempted, since those materials are placed on the market in very small quantities, i.e. each category amounts to less than 1 % of the weight of the packaging placed on the Union market. The obligation to pay financial contributions in accordance with the extended producer's responsibility should not be covered by that exemption.»*

Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 stipulates that packaging must be designed to minimize its weight and volume to the extent necessary to ensure its functionality. When recommending cork stoppers, factors that influence the physical and mechanical performance of the seal are taken into account. The diameter of the cork stopper is a critical characteristic for its sealing function, and there is a consensus on the need to ensure a typical difference of 5 to 6 mm between the diameter of the stopper and the internal diameter of the neck. In the case of sparkling wines, larger diameters are used depending on the internal pressure within the bottles. The length of the cork influences the volume of empty space inside the neck, with implications for insertion and extraction, as well as for the amount and pressure of the gas present in that space, affecting the physical and mechanical performance of the cork and the wine's evolution, particularly through interactive phenomena such as oxygen transfer, variations in which can influence the final quality of the product.

OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We hereby declare that natural cork stoppers do not contain and/or have no substances or groups of substances added to them, nor do they involve the materials and processes listed below. We further state that **no recycled materials are incorporated** into the manufacturing process.

- **Gluten;**
- **Melamine** – a substance covered by Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) and classified as an SVHC (substance of very high concern with likely serious effects on human health and the environment);
- **MOSH and MOAH** – in accordance with Recommendation (UE) No. 2017/84;
- **Nanoparticles/nanoforms** – covered by Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006;
- **GMO** (Genetically Modified Organisms);
- **Allergens** other than sulfur dioxide, when sulfur dioxide is requested by the customer;
- **PVC-PVCD or chlorinated plastic;**
- **Material of animal origin;**
- **Ochratoxin A** – in accordance with the International Code of Cork Stopper Manufacturing Practices, accredited by Systecode – CE Liège;
- **Exposure to hazardous ionizing radiation;**
- **1,4-dioxane** – substance covered by Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) and classified as an SVHC (carcinogenic, with an equivalent level of concern regarding likely serious effects on human health and the environment);
- **Epoxy derivatives of the type BADGE, NOGE and BFDGE** – in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1895/2005;
- **Phthalates** – group of substances covered by Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) and classified as SVHC (substances toxic to reproduction, endocrine disruptors);

Based on the available knowledge regarding the raw materials used and the manufacturing process, the presence of substances with endocrine-disrupting properties in the final products is not expected. This assessment also takes into account current technical limitations, namely the lack or limited availability of validated analytical methods for the comprehensive detection of all substances identified as endocrine disruptors.

We further declare that natural cork stoppers are produced in Portugal from the bark of the cork oak (*Quercus suber L.*), sourced from cork oak forests located in the western Mediterranean basin.

Cork is harvested in accordance with the applicable legislation in the producing countries, observing minimum cycles of nine (9) years between harvests. This process involves removing the bark without damaging the tree, allowing it to regenerate naturally.

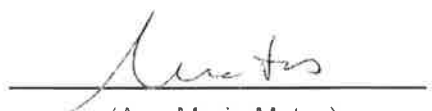
This declaration applies to the following products: Naturity, NDtech

This statement is based on our best knowledge regarding the product's composition and the manufacturing process, on information provided by suppliers, and on analyses conducted on the corks.

This declaration of conformity is valid provided that the natural cork stoppers are stored and used under appropriate conditions, in accordance with the guidelines and instructions provided.

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Sehr geehrte Frau Jung,

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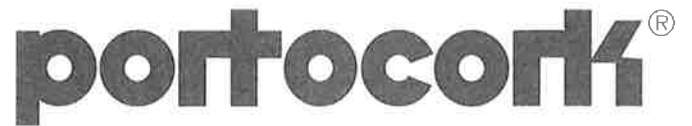
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Wir hoffen Ihnen mit unseren Informationen geholfen zu haben. Sollten Sie weiterführende Informationen benötigen, senden wir Ihnen diese gerne auf Anfrage zu.

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