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## **Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Receives ISO 9001 Certification**

LOUISVILLE, KY. (June 22, 2021) -- Kentucky Bourbon Barrel, a subsidiary of Independent Stave Company, is proud to announce they have received the ISO 9001 certification. The ISO 9001 certification is an international standard that requires companies to develop and document a quality management system that outlines how they operate.

Each Independent Stave Company manufacturing facility has personnel responsible for monitoring the quality of products from the beginning of the process through delivery and customer satisfaction. This operational procedure was created in accordance with the ISO 9001 standard. ISO 9001 also requires personnel training in safety, processing, product specifications and work performance quality.

By becoming ISO 9001 certified, Kentucky Bourbon Barrel is being recognized for having a quality management system in place that allows for production of superior quality products.

"For Kentucky Bourbon Barrel, the ISO 9001 certification opens the door for continuous growth by establishing foundational standards to operate upon and performance metrics to monitor and grow from," said Tim Ratliff, President of Kentucky Bourbon Barrel. "The certification showcases our strong commitment to quality for our customers and safety of our employees."

Quality is the main priority from the moment barrels reach the cooperage until they are shipped to a customer. The ISO 9001 certification is an example of the importance of quality to the company and customers they serve.

"ISO has enabled us to increase product quality at our manufacturing facilities while increasing production quantity," said Brad Boswell, Independent Stave Company CEO and fourth generation cooper. "I congratulate Kentucky Bourbon Barrel on receiving their ISO 9001 certification and know they will utilize the ISO system to the benefit of their customers and employees."

<u>Kentucky Bourbon Barrel</u> is a family-owned business selling high quality, ready-for-filling used barrels to distilleries, wineries, and breweries around the world. The company is known for an uncompromising commitment to quality, customer service and reactivity.