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Authorisation under Annex 8 to assimilated Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 exceptionally allowing the enrichment of grapevine products up to a maximum 3.5% owing to exceptionally unfavourable climatic conditions in 2024.

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Pursuant to points 1 to 3 of Section A of Part 1 of Annex 8 to assimilated Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (assimilated Regulation 1308/2013), and because of the exceptionally unfavourable climatic conditions in 2024, the Secretary of State, with the agreement of the Scottish Ministers and the Welsh Ministers, authorises a temporary enrichment derogation under Section 1 of Part 1 of Annex 8 of assimilated Regulation 1308/2013.

This derogation allows the supplementation of the natural alcoholic strength by volume of:

- (a) fresh grapes harvested in Great Britain;
- (b) grape must from grapes harvested in Great Britain;
- (c) grape must in fermentation from grapes harvested in Great Britain;
- (d) new wine still in fermentation from grapes harvested in Great Britain; and
- (e) wine obtained from wine grape varieties classifiable to Article 81 of assimilated Regulation 1308/2013 from grapes harvested in Great Britain.

The increase in natural alcoholic strength by volume must not exceed 3.5% volume and must be achieved by means of the oenological practices referred to in Section B of Part 1 of Annex 8 to assimilated Regulation 1308/2013 (authorised enrichment processes).

This authorisation applies in relation to authorised enrichment processes carried out in Great Britain and is valid for the 2024 harvest only.

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for and on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs