
Authorisation under Annex VIII to assimilated Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 exceptionally allowing the acidification of fresh grapes, grape must, grape must in fermentation, new wine still in fermentation and wine due to exceptional climate conditions in 2026.

Pursuant to points 2, 3, 6, of Section C of Part 1 of Annex VIII 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, being satisfied that the climatic conditions have been exceptional in 2026, the Secretary of State, authorises, pursuant to point 6 of Section C of Part I of Annex VIII, the acidification of the products specified below.

This derogation allows the acidification of fresh grapes, grape must, grape must in fermentation, new wine still in fermentation and wine up to a limit of 1,50 g/l expressed as tartaric acid, or 20 milliequivalents per litre, referred to in point 2 of Section C of Part 1 of Annex VIII. This derogation also allows acidification of wine up to a limit of 2,50 g/l expressed as tartaric acid, or 33,3 milliequivalents per litre, referred to in point 3 of Section C of Part 1 of Annex VIII.

Acidification authorised by this notice must be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements in Section D of Part I of Annex VIII and all other applicable requirements governing authorised oenological practices.

This authorisation applies in England, Scotland, and Wales, and is valid for the 2026 harvest only.

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