

## ANNEX XII

## ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH

The actual alcoholic strength by volume of beverages containing more than 1,2 % by volume of alcohol shall be indicated by a figure to not more than one decimal place. It shall be followed by the symbol ‘% vol.’ and may be preceded by the word ‘alcohol’ or the abbreviation ‘alc’.

[<sup>F1</sup>In relation to a beverage marketed in Wales to which the first paragraph applies, the second sentence of that paragraph is to be read as if at the end there were inserted ‘, or the figure may be followed by ‘% alc/vol’’.]

[<sup>F2</sup>In relation to a beverage marketed in Scotland to which the first paragraph applies, the second sentence of that paragraph is to be read as if at the end there were inserted ‘, or the figure may be followed by ‘% alc/vol’’.]

[<sup>F3</sup>In relation to a beverage marketed in England to which the first paragraph applies, the second sentence of that paragraph is to be read as if at the end there were inserted ‘, or the figure may be followed by ‘% alc/vol’’.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in Annex 12 inserted (W.) (28.4.2023) by [The Alcoholic Beverages \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/394\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2
- F2** Words in Annex 12 inserted (S.) (23.4.2023) by [The Alcoholic Beverages, Fruit and Vegetables \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(S.S.I. 2023/107\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3
- F3** Words in Annex 12 inserted (E.) (29.3.2023) by [The Alcoholic Beverages \(Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/312\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2

The alcoholic strength shall be determined at 20 °C.

Positive and negative allowed tolerances in respect of the indication of the alcoholic strength by volume and expressed in absolute values shall be as listed in the following table. They shall apply without prejudice to the tolerances deriving from the method of analysis used for determining the alcoholic strength.

Description of beverage	Positive or negative tolerance
1. Beers of CN code 2203 00 having an alcoholic strength not exceeding 5,5 % vol.; still beverages falling within CN code 2206 00 obtained from grapes	0,5 % vol.
2. Beers having an alcoholic strength exceeding 5,5 % vol.; sparkling beverages falling within CN code 2206 00 obtained from grapes, ciders, perries, fruit wines and the like, obtained from fruit other than grapes, whether or not semi-sparkling or sparkling; mead	1 % vol.

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3.	Beverages containing macerated fruit or parts of plants	1,5 % vol.
4.	Any other beverages containing more than 1,2 % by volume of alcohol	0,3 % vol.

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