

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) October 29, 2004

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New York

1-4858

13-1432060

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
Number)

521 West 57th Street, New York, New York

10019

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip  
Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 765-5500

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instructions A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Attached and incorporated by reference and being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of a press release of International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. ("IFF") dated October 29, 2004, announcing that IFF has completed the sale of its French fruit preparations business to Frutarom Industries Ltd.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of International Flavors & Fragrances Inc., dated October 29, 2004.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES  
INC.

Dated: October 29, 2004

By: /s/ Dennis M. Meany

Name: Dennis M. Meany  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.    Description

99.1    Press Release of International Flavors & Fragrances Inc., dated October 29, 2004.

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## **IFF Announces Sale of French Fruit Preparations Assets**

**New York, N.Y. October 29, 2004**... International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. (NYSE: IFF) announced today that it had completed the sale of certain of the assets of its French fruit preparations business to Frutarom Industries Ltd. ("Frutarom"); Frutarom's stock is traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TLV: FRUT).

IFF had previously announced the intended divestiture of its European fruit preparations business which manufactures processed fruit and other natural product preparations used in a wide variety of food products, including baked goods and dairy products. Sales of fruit preparations in 2003 approximated \$90 million.

In August this year, IFF sold its fruit preparations businesses in Germany and Switzerland to Frutarom, representing 70% of the European fruit preparations business. The French asset sale had been subject to consultations with the French employee works council, which have been completed.

Proceeds from the sale of the European fruit preparations businesses, in total, approximate \$40.0 million, including the assumption of certain liabilities.

### **About IFF**

IFF is a leading creator and manufacturer of flavors and fragrances used in a wide variety of consumer products—from fine fragrances and toiletries, to soaps, detergents and other household products, to beverages and food products. IFF is dedicated to The Pursuit of Excellence in every area of its business, using knowledge, creativity, innovation and technology to continually provide customers with the highest quality products and service and superior consumer understanding.

IFF has sales, manufacturing and creative facilities in 34 countries worldwide and annual sales exceeding \$1.9 billion. For more information, please visit our Web site at [www.iff.com](http://www.iff.com).

### **Cautionary Statement Under The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995**

Statements in this press release, which are not historical facts or information, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are based on management's reasonable current assumptions and expectations. Such forward-looking statements, which may be identified by such words as "expect", "anticipate", "outlook", "guidance", "may" and similar forward-looking terminology, involve significant risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual results of the Company to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, and there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from management's expectations. Such factors include, among others, the following: general economic and business conditions in the Company's markets, including economic uncertainties; interest rates; the price and availability of raw materials; the Company's ability to implement its business strategy, including the achievement of anticipated cost savings, profitability and growth targets; the impact of currency fluctuation or devaluation in the Company's principal foreign markets and the success of the Company's hedging and risk management strategies; and the effect of legal and regulatory proceedings, as well as restrictions imposed on the Company, its operations or its representatives by foreign governments. The Company intends its forward-looking statements to speak only as of the time of such statements and does not undertake to update or revise them as more information becomes available or to reflect changes in expectations, assumptions or results.

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