

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC
Form 8-K
January 28, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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): January 28, 2004

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New York
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-4858
(Commission File Number)

13-1432060
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

521 West 57th Street, New York, New York
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10019
(Zip Code)

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

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Attached and being furnished hereby as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of a press release of International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. (IFF) dated January 28, 2004, reporting IFF's financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003.

The discussion of the Company's 2003 fourth quarter and full year results and its commentary regarding expected future results include and, where indicated, exclude the impact of sales attributable to certain non-core businesses disposed of in 2002, the impact of certain restructuring and other charges related to the Company's on-going reorganization plan and the effects of exchange rate fluctuations. Such information is supplemental to information presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and is not intended to represent a presentation in accordance with GAAP. In discussing its historical and expected future results and financial condition, the Company believes it is meaningful for investors to be made aware of and to be assisted in a better understanding of, on a period-to-period comparative basis, the impact of sales attributable to certain non-core businesses disposed of in 2002, the impact of exchange rate fluctuations and the impact such specifically identified charges, have on operating results and financial condition. In addition, management reviews each of these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate performance on a comparative period-to-period basis.

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.

SIGNATURE

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Date: January 27, 2004

By: DENNIS M. MEANY

Name: Dennis M. Meany

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of International Flavors & Fragrances Inc., dated January 28, 2004. |