

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC

Form 8-K

October 23, 2003

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): October 23, 2003

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 October 23, 2003, reporting IFF's financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2003.

The discussion of the Company's historical 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 charges 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 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 results and financial condition.

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: October 23, 2003

By: STEPHEN A. BLOCK

Name: Stephen A. Block

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 October 23, 2003. |