

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC
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UNITED STATES
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) August 25, 2018

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| 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) |

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:

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))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

As previously reported, on May 7, 2018, International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. (IFF) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) with Frutarom Industries Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the State of Israel (Frutarom), and Icon Newco Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the State of Israel and a wholly owned subsidiary of IFF (Merger Sub). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of specified conditions, Merger Sub will merge with and into Frutarom (the Merger), with Frutarom continuing as the surviving company in the Merger and a wholly owned subsidiary of IFF.

On August 25, 2018, the parties entered into Amendment No.1 to the Merger Agreement (the Amendment). The Amendment amends and restates Section 1.2 of the Merger Agreement to provide for the closing of the Merger to take place on the later to occur of (i) the third (3rd) Business Day (as defined in the Merger Agreement) after the satisfaction or waiver of specified conditions and (ii) October 4, 2018 (subject to the satisfaction or waiver of specified conditions), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties to the Merger Agreement.

Other than as expressly modified pursuant to the Amendment, the Merger Agreement, which was previously filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by IFF on May 9, 2018, remains in full force and effect as originally executed on May 7, 2018. The foregoing description of the Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of such agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

As disclosed above, IFF, Frutarom and Merger Sub entered into the Amendment on August 25, 2018. IFF and Frutarom expect to close IFF s acquisition of Frutarom on October 4, 2018, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the closing conditions in the Merger Agreement, which IFF and Frutarom expect to be satisfied by that date. The Merger has been approved by Frutarom s shareholders, and the requisite antitrust and competition approvals have been obtained in Israel, the United States, Turkey, Mexico and Ukraine. Antitrust/competition approvals are pending in the European Union (where an Article 4(3) notice has been publicly issued by the EU competition authority), South Africa and Russia, and are expected to be obtained in advance of the anticipated closing date.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements

Certain information disclosed or incorporated by reference in this report may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements regarding IFF s expected future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, financing plans, business strategy, budgets, capital expenditures, competitive positions, growth opportunities, plans and objectives of management and statements containing the words such as anticipate, approximate, believe, plan, estimate, expect, project, could, should, will, intend, may and other are forward-looking statements. Statements in this communication concerning IFF s business outlook or future economic performance, anticipated profitability, revenues, expenses or other financial items, and product or services line growth, together with other statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements that are estimates reflecting the best judgment of IFF based upon currently available information. Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and stockholders and other potential investors must recognize that actual results may differ materially from IFF s expectations as a result of a variety of factors, including, without limitation, those discussed below. Such forward-looking statements are based upon management s current expectations and include known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which IFF is unable to predict or control, that may cause IFF s actual results, performance or plans to differ materially from any future results, performance or plans expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors discussed below and detailed from time to time in IFF s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission

(the SEC).

Risks and uncertainties related to IFF's proposed acquisition of Frutarom include, but are not limited to, the inability to obtain required regulatory approvals for the acquisition, the timing of obtaining such approvals and the risk that such approvals may result in the imposition of conditions that could adversely

affect the combined company or the expected benefits of the acquisition, the risk that a condition to closing of the acquisition may not be satisfied on a timely basis or at all, the failure of the proposed transaction to close for any other reason, uncertainties as to access to available financing (including financing for the acquisition or refinancing of IFF or Frutarom debt) on a timely basis and on reasonable terms, the impact of IFF's proposed financing on its liquidity and flexibility to respond to other business opportunities, whether the acquisition will have the accretive effect on IFF's earnings or cash flows that it expects, the inability to obtain, or delays in obtaining, cost savings and synergies from the acquisition, costs and difficulties related to the integration of Frutarom's businesses and operations with IFF businesses and operations, unexpected costs, liabilities, charges or expenses resulting from the acquisition, adverse effects on IFF's stock price resulting from the acquisition, the inability to retain key personnel, and potential adverse reactions, changes to business relationships or competitive responses resulting from the acquisition.

In addition to the factors set forth above, other factors that may affect IFF's plans, results or stock price are set forth in IFF's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K.

Many of these factors are beyond IFF's control and IFF cautions investors that any forward-looking statements made by IFF are not guarantees of future performance. IFF disclaims any obligation to update any such factors or to announce publicly the results of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements to reflect future events or developments.

Important Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. In connection with the proposed merger, IFF has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-225728), including Amendment No.1 thereto, that constitutes a prospectus of IFF and attaches as an exhibit a proxy statement of Frutarom. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on July 3, 2018, and IFF commenced mailing the definitive prospectus to Frutarom shareholders of record on July 6, 2018.

INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF FRUTAROM ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGER. Investors and security holders are able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and other documents filed with the SEC by the parties through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by IFF will be available free of charge on IFF's internet website at ir.iff.com.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 2.1 | <u>Amendment No.1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated August 25, 2018, by and among International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc., Frutarom Industries Ltd. and Icon Newco Ltd.</u> |

SIGNATURES

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.

Date: August 27, 2018

By: /s/ Richard A. O Leary

Name: Richard A. O Leary

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer