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President's message

Dear Colleagues,

I take this opportunity to wish you, your friends, family and co-workers a very Happy New Year.

Having recently taken up the role of President of the International Fragrance Association, I have been inspired by the energy and creativity of the fragrance sector I am now a part of. I hope and expect to see this dynamism on display in 2025.

Although I only took up this post in late 2024, I would like to briefly reflect on what the association has achieved in the past twelve months, supported by its members and partners.

IFRA's efforts included strengthening advocacy efforts during the European Union elections, launching the IFRA Green Chemistry Compass, and advancing sustainability through the IFRA-IOFI Sustainability Charter.

We held the IFRA Global Fragrance Summit in Dubai, a large number of member-only and public webinars, and expanded regional initiatives to support our global engagement. Scientific work continued, including on allergens clinical surveillance, as well as the updating of the IFRA Transparency list.

Looking ahead, 2025 presents opportunities to enhance IFRA's reputation, address regulatory challenges, and further develop the defence of fragrance ingredients.



It is my intention that starting from today, IFRA's governance should start to evolve to better reflect our diverse membership. Nevertheless, fragrance safety, ingredient diversity, sustainability and collaboration remain central to our strategy.

This year we expect to see the publication of the 52nd Amendment to the IFRA Standards and the third IFRA-IOFI Sustainability Report. These are components of our wider mission.

I look forward to a year full of engagement with each of you. Together, we can make sure fragrance remains safe, sustainable, and inspiring for consumers around the world.

Warm regards,

Alexander Mohr, PhD
President, IFRA



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IFRA webinar - Safe and Sustainable by Design

22 January, 14:00 CET

This webinar will share the insights from the case study, highlight the challenges and limitations of the SSbD framework, and provide recommendations for a workable framework for the fragrance value chain.

All IFRA, A.I.S.E., and Cosmetics Europe members are warmly invited to join this webinar, open to all affiliated companies, National Associations, and their members.

Registration:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_X3KJgDHbTRyMHO8R3P03Ww

General IFRA news

IFRA webinar - furocoumarins

Online - 15 January, 14:00 CET

IFRA has been working for some time now on updating its policy on furocoumarins in Natural Complex Substances.

This revised policy will likely be included in the next regular Amendment to the IFRA Standards (in the form of a revised Standard).

This webinar will introduce the policy and key elements of its proposed implementation. It is public and open to all interested stakeholders

Speakers

- Matthias Vey, Vice President, Scientific Affairs, IFRA
- Jennifer Dorts, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs Manager, IFRA
- Jennifer Cocchiara, dsm-firmenich; Chair, IFRA RMTF

Registration:

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IFRA-IOFI webinar - GHS labelling manual

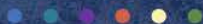
13 February, 13:00 CET

For several years, the IFRA-IOFI GHS Labelling Manual has been an essential resource, updated annually to assist industry professionals in navigating classification and labelling requirements. This webinar will go into further depth about the manual.

The webinar is open to all IFRA and IOFI members and users of the Labelling Manual.

Registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vJFZd1hnSgam2CuFWgXo-g



General IFRA news

IDEA Organizes Patch Test Reading Workshop

Related to the IDEA sponsored Extended Fragrance Ingredients Surveillance Study (EFFIS) a patch test reading workshop was organized at Malmö University hospital on September 20, 2024, as kind of kick-off event for launching the first round of collecting clinical data.

To ensure establishing reliable clinical data, a central element of EFFIS is the harmonization of processes and ensuring rigid quality control.

The focus of the workshop, addressing involved clinicians and nurses from the engaged clinics, was standardization of loading of patch test chambers by different techniques as well as reading of patient reactions, with focus on differentiating irritation from weak sensitization reactions.

Contact: MV



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General IFRA news

EPAA Partners Forum on Endocrine Disruptors

IFRA participated in the EPAA Partners Forum on Endocrine Disruptors held on 14-15 November 2024.

It brought 70 experts to discuss the use of NAMs for assessing Endocrine Disruption in EU regulatory frameworks for both human health and the environment. A report will be made available.

Contact: AI



The SCCS concluded on the safe use of Acetylated Vetiver Oil (AVO)

The European Commission Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) has released its Opinion on Acetylated Vetiver Oil (AVO), confirming its safe use in sprayable cosmetic products concerning inhalation toxicity.

IFRA warmly welcomes this milestone, the culmination of years of scientific analysis, data gathering, refined exposure modeling and the engagement in NAMs.

Contact: AI, MV



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Ingredient defence and Regulatory Affairs



ECHA RAC adopts Opinions on the CLH proposals for seven fragrance ingredients

Following the plenary meeting of 27 and 28 November 2024, the ECHA RAC has adopted Opinions classifying seven fragrance ingredients as Repr. 1B; H360FD

IFRA has taken the lead on behalf of industry and has provided extensive comments on the CLH proposals during the public consultations held last year and on the draft opinions presented by the ECHA RAC Rapporteurs during several meetings of the ECHA RAC.

More information can be found in Information Letter 1198, available to IFRA members upon request.

Contact: CA

More CLH proposals of fragrance ingredients

Denmark has announced on the Registry of Intentions their intention to submit 3 CLH dossiers as Repr. (category unknown) for geraniol, nerol and a mixture of geraniol and nerol (EC/List no: 906-125-5) by 31 December 2025.

Contact: CA

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(EU) Regulation 2024/2865 amending the CLP

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(<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2865/oj>)
amending the EU CLP regulation (CLP revision) was finally published on 20th November 2024 in the Official Journal of the EU and entered into force on 10 December 2024.

IFRA's priority rests on getting robust criteria for the grouping of substances and requesting a derogation from the general rules for classification of plant-based extracts are reflected.

The revised CLP regulation also includes several measures for regulators to encourage the speedier adoption of CLH in the future.

More information: IL 1197

Contact: CA

Revised CLP guidance

On 13 November ECHA published the revised CLP guidance.

It covers advice on the new hazard criteria for endocrine disruptors (ED) for human health or the environment; persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT); very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) substances; and persistent, mobile and toxic (PMT); very persistent and very mobile (vPvM) substances:

<https://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-on-clp>

Contact: CA



News by region: Asia Pacific (APAC)

ASEAN Cosmetics Scientific Board (ACSB)

IFRA joined the ACSB meeting in Bangkok on 18-21 November.

Regulators from the 10 ASEAN member states and industry experts exchanged information and views.

IFRA members' representatives also joined the meeting, including from IFF, Symrise and dsm-firmenich.

In addition Dr Caroline Li, Regional Director, APAC, IFRA joined the annual meeting of the ASEAN Cosmetics Association (ACA).

ACA has been representing ASEAN cosmetics industry over years and is well recognised.

Contact: CL



IFRA co-hosted an international seminar on fragrance safety with CAFFCI in Beijing

Alexander Mohr, IFRA President; Madam Yan, CAFFCI President; Dr Anne Marie Api, RIFM; and Dr Matthias Vey, Vice President of Scientific Affairs, IFRA gave presentations on a range of relevant topics.

Dr Caroline Li, Regional Director, APAC, IFRA moderated the conference, which was jointly organised and hosted by IFRA and CAFFCI.

Experts in cosmetics ingredients and cosmetics standards in China also presented about cosmetics regulations, standards, and Risk assessment in China.

Over the course of a day and a half scientific exchanges between over 130 participants from more than 50 companies in China took place.

IFRA is pleased with the fruitful international collaboration and looks forward to continuous cooperation in China in the coming years.

Contact: CL



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News by region: Asia Pacific (APAC)

Chemical Watch regulatory summit in Bangkok

Asia Pacific cosmetics regulations from fragrance perspective

On 4-5 November 2024, Dr Caroline Li presented at the Chemical Watch regulatory summit in Bangkok. Dr Li spoke about the Asia Pacific cosmetics regulations from fragrance perspective.

Presenters from both chemical industry as well as regulatory authorities from the Philippines, Vietnam and New Zealand gave updates on local chemical regulation.

Contact: CL



IFRA visits China Cleaning Industry Association (CCIA)

IFRA, represented by Caroline Li visited the China Cleaning Industry Association (CCIA) in Beijing in December 2024.

CCIA is influential in China and a critical liaison between the fragrance industry and the downstream, including detergents, cleaning and pet cleaning products.

Many IFRA members and downstream customers are members of the association.

Contact: CL



Interview with Alexander Mohr at IFRA-CAFFCI event

During the IFRA-CAFFCI seminar (see previous page), IFRA President, Alexander Mohr PhD was interviewed.

You can find this interview: [here](#)

Contact: CL

News by region: Europe EMEA



IFRA at A.I.S.E. event: Panel discussion at the European Parliament

Advocating for a proportionate framework in the context of the Detergents Regulation revision

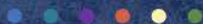
IFRA participated in A.I.S.E.'s event at the European Parliament, title 'Our Clean Future: The indispensable role of Europe's cleaning and maintenance products industry', highlighting the essential role of Europe's cleaning and maintenance products industry.

The panel, featuring Hans Ingels (European Commission), Prof Dirk Bockmühl, and Dr Andreea Capilna, emphasized the importance of high-level hygiene, especially in healthcare settings.

Discussions focused on improving the Detergents Regulation by addressing inconsistencies, fostering innovation, and ensuring better enforcement through tools like the Digital Product Passport.

Securing proportionate biodegradability requirements under the Detergents Regulation remains a key priority for IFRA. IFRA will actively collaborate with A.I.S.E. during the upcoming trilogue negotiations, set to begin in January 2025.

Contact: AP



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News by region: Europe EMEA



IFRA at the 5th Commission Workshop on Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD)

Presenting IFRA case-study on methyl salicylate, highlighting the need to maintain a risk-based approach and adopt a more streamlined framework.

On 5 December, IFRA participated in the 5th SSbD Workshop hosted by the European Commission.

Annika Batel (BASF) and Aurelie Perrichet (IFRA) presented a case study on methyl salicylate, showcasing the fragrance sector's experience and insights.

Key recommendations included the need for a streamlined, risk-based approach to safety, a less resource-demanding framework, and a holistic view of sustainability.

The workshop, attended by over 300 people, including representatives from various Directorate-Generals of the European Commission, national authorities, and stakeholders, is part of the SSbD framework 2-year testing phase, which runs until 2024 ahead of its finalization in 2025.

Contact: AP





News by region: India

Certificate course on sustainable perfumery

Certificate course on sustainable perfumery 'The Art of Crafting Fragrances and Nurturing Careers' at Hindu College, Delhi University, India.

The perfumery course is scheduled for commencement in January 2025 with the orientation for the candidates selected for this course.

IFRA in India with knowledge partners, Hindu College, Delhi University; Sant Sangneria Foundation for Health and Education; CSIR- Central Institute of Medicinal Aromatic Plants (CIMAP); FICCI; and International Society of Perfumer-Creators is hosting this noble industry led initiative, first of its kind in this region.

The significant feature of this perfumery course is that its content has been designed and curated by factoring in the inputs from the industry to deliver "Industry ready skilled professionals" with a sound scientific base. Takasago, Robertet, Givaudan, Ultra International Limited, Norex, Eternis, ITC, and Vimal Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. are the prominent industry partners associated with this course.

Other salient features are emphasis on Comprehensive learning and Global perspective, planned in physical mode spread over 41 weeks in two modules to include classroom learning, industry internship and institutional attachment.

Contact: SS



Fourth International Agarwood Conclave

Insights from Fourth International Agarwood Conclave and Buyer-Seller Meet 2024, 2-4 December 2024 at Agartala Tripura, India

IFRA participated in the 4th International Agarwood Conclave held at Agartala in the state of Tripura to engage and collaborate with stakeholders in the Agarwood value chain, focusing on developments relating to this emerging ingredient.

The conclave was hosted by Government of Tripura in association with CII (Confederation of Indian Industries) amongst other related institutions/ organizations. Chief Minister of the state, Prof Manik Saha inaugurated the conclave and emphasized the importance of bringing together the policy makers, executors, industry leaders and experts to discuss the areas that require intervention for further nurturing this valuable product.

The conclave featured panel discussions to deliberate on the following: Future directions and priorities in the areas which include facilitating business efficiency through regulatory reforms and technological integration; role of private industry in the sector and effective marketing of value-added products; optimizing production; enhancing the value through quality standardization; road map for growth.

Contact: SS

News by region: India



FICCI 97th Annual General Meeting

Insights from FICCI's 97th Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention on 21 November 2024, in New Delhi

IFRA participated in FICCI's 97th Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention, which was inaugurated by Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

The event witnessed panel discussions in the areas of Sustainability, Farm prosperity and Make-in-India. These sessions saw participation from policy makers in Government of India, industry leaders and international experts.

During the convention engaged with the concerned officers in the Government, Officials of FICCI, and members of trade fraternity to outline the importance of fragrance sector in India and interventions to address stakeholders in the fragrance value chain.

Harsha Vardhan Aggarwal has taken over as the new President of FICCI, and is the MD of Emami Ltd., one of the leading downstream industries in the fragrance sector.

It is expected that his presence in this position will bring in much needed impetus on prioritizing goals and attainment of the mandate stipulated by IFRA in India.

Contact: SS



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News by region: Latin America (LATAM)

Mercosur

Public consultations on cosmetics list

Brazil has launched consultations on restricted substances, concluding Mercosur updates.

ANVISA – Brazil's National Health Surveillance Agency – opens [Public Consultation No. 1305/2024](#) to update Brazil's restrictive list for cosmetics, with implications for Mercosur harmonization.

The comment period runs from January 7 to March 7, 2025. This public consultation in Brazil marks the final stage in a series of consultations already completed in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay, all of which relate to the proposed MERCOSUR draft resolutions:

- § P. RES. N° 03/24: "Mercosur Technical Regulation on the list of substances that personal hygiene, cosmetic, and perfume products must not contain, except under specified conditions and restrictions" (repealing GMC Resolutions N° 24/11 and 35/22).
- § P. RES. N° 04/24: "Modification of GMC Resolution N° 62/14.

As with previous consultations, IFRA will collaborate with its National Associations (in Brazil, ABIFRA) and local partners to submit fragrance industry comments to the ANVISA public consultation.

Further details and related ANVISA documents are available via [AnvisaLegis](#).

Contact: EV



Brazil

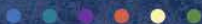
Establishment of national inventory of chemical substances

The new law sets framework for assessing and controlling chemicals.

[Law No. 15.022/2024](#) introduces Brazil's National Inventory of Chemical Substances to mitigate health and environmental risks.

Published on November 14, 2024, this landmark law mandates the registration of chemicals produced or imported in Brazil in quantities exceeding one ton annually. The law creates a public database aligned with GHS standards and establishes committees to oversee its implementation. Authorities have three years to develop the necessary systems, after which manufacturers and importers must comply with reporting requirements. Regulation details are expected within 180 days (i.e. by May 13, 2025).

Contact: EV



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News by region: North America



FCA Adds Two New Hires

Sarah Erickson André joins as Vice President, Government Affairs and General Counsel, while Dr Homer Swei will serve as Chief Scientist.

With over two decades of legal and regulatory experience, she brings invaluable expertise in risk mitigation and tackling complex legal and regulatory challenges — skills that will be instrumental in advancing FCA’s advocacy efforts and safeguarding its members within the evolving policy, regulatory, and geopolitical landscapes.

Ms André joins FCA following a successful career as partner at a large, global law firm where she advised a broad range of organizations including corporations, universities, cultural institutions, and foreign sovereigns on a variety of high-stakes domestic and global matters. Her extensive expertise in intellectual property law will be crucial as the fragrance industry faces increasing regulatory and other pressures impacting global supply chains.

Contact: JB



FCA Expands The Fragrance Conservatory

FCA added 102 new ingredients to The Fragrance Conservatory in 2024, bringing the total to nearly 600.

This expansion highlights FCA’s commitment to consumer education by offering a diverse selection of ingredients to help consumers better understand the products they use.

The growing website empowers consumers to gain deeper insights into the ingredients companies use in their products and understand the role and function of these ingredients in fragrance formulations.

Looking ahead, FCA projects adding 400 more ingredients to The Fragrance Conservatory by 2025, further expanding consumer access to information and insights about the fragrance industry.

Contact: JB

News by region: North America

FCA-EPA New Chemicals Fragrance Work Groups Are Leading the Way

FCA's joint work groups with EPA are making significant strides to streamline new fragrance chemical reviews.

Through regular meetings, FCA and EPA are actively addressing remaining technical and regulatory challenges, with a focus on removing barriers to innovation.

Building on FCA's success in securing EPA's commitment to refine conservative default assumptions, FCA is now delivering the necessary data to enable future updates, paving the way for a more efficient and science-driven review process.

Contact: JB



FCA Is Well Connected with the New Administration and Congress

The association has established direct, meaningful relationships and remains well-positioned to advocate on behalf of the U.S. fragrance industry.

Since November 2024, FCA has been strategically engaging with key administration advisors, transition team members, and other trade associations to ensure that the incoming administration and Members of Congress understand the importance of fragrance. These efforts position FCA to effectively influence critical industry issues

Contact: JB



Upcoming events



IFRA public webinar on IFRA Furocoumarin Policy
15 January 2025, 14:00 CET. Register [here](#)

Beauty Renaissance: Holistic Approaches to Beauty
[Caroline Li, speaker] - Singapore
15 January 2025

Personal Care and Homecare Ingredients (PCHI)
19-21 January 2025
www.pchi-china.com/en

IFRA webinar - Safe and Sustainable by Design
22 January, 14:00 CET. Register [here](#)

**2025 ACI Annual Meeting & Industry Convention
'Uniting for a Cleaner World)**
27-31 January 2025.
<https://my.cleaninginstitute.org/25CON-Home>

**IFRA-IOFI webinar on Introduction to the IFRA-IOFI
GHS Labelling Manual**
13 February 2025, 13:00-14:30 CET

BeautyAsia 2025
17-19 February 2025. <https://beautyasia.com.sg/show-info/>

PCPC 2025 Beauty Collective Summit
18 February 2025,
<https://www.personalcarecouncil.org/pcpc-events/>

Esxence Milan Perfumery event
19-22 February 2025. <https://www.esxence.com>

**ERPA Annual Summit on Regulations and Compliance
for Cosmetics**
24-25 February 2025, <https://crcc2025.com/>

Future of Homecare Cleaning Products Europe 2025
05-06 March 2025,
<https://www.wplgroup.com/aci/event/future-homecare-cleaning-products/>

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