



Prospective Membership Packet 2026

Our Vision

RIFM's leadership in state-of-the-art science enables the enjoyment of fragrances around the world

Our Values

- Scientific Excellence, Objectivity, Integrity, and Leadership
- Collaboration
- Transparency

Our Mission

RIFM science and research builds international trust in and acceptance of the safe use of fragrance materials

About the Research Institute for Fragrance Materials

The Research Institute for Fragrance Materials, established in 1966, generates, analyzes, evaluates, and distributes data to provide a scientific basis for the safe use of fragrances. We have compiled the most comprehensive, worldwide source of toxicology data, literature, and general information on fragrance and flavor raw materials—a database of over 80,000 references including approximately 200,000 human health and environmental studies that is constantly being updated with new and exciting raw and curated data.

Our science staff of 30 full-time professionals conducts safety assessments on fragrance ingredients and undertakes research to support the development of improved assessment methodologies. We have been studying and evaluating fragrance ingredients since our foundation, publishing peer-reviewed safety monographs and group summaries on fragrance ingredients. The maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) values that appear in safety assessments for those materials requiring risk management have provided the International Fragrance Association (IFRA) with their Standards since the beginning.

All of RIFM's work must be approved by the Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety, an independent group of leading academic scientists from around the world who are recognized in their fields—chemistry, dermatology, and toxicology. The Expert Panel has its own mission, policies, and guidelines available at [FragranceSafetyPanel.org](https://www.fragrancesafetypanel.org). After the Expert Panel approves our work, a second validation is provided through publication in notable peer-reviewed journals.

All of our published work is made available to the public at no cost through the Fragrance Safety [FragranceMaterialSafetyResource.elsevier.com](https://www.fragrancematerialsafetyresource.com).

Dear Prospective RIFM Member,

We recognize the importance of staying current on the safety data of fragrance materials in a competitive market. Your interest in RIFM demonstrates your company's commitment to its responsibility to consumers and the environment. Thank you for the opportunity to share our prospective member information. Membership in RIFM will support your decision-making in this crucial area of product stewardship.

RIFM believes that fragrance manufacturers and product retailers share a common goal: *protecting the consumer*. As a member, your company helps support the research and evaluation needed to assure both authorities and the public that this goal is being met. One of the greatest benefits of RIFM membership is access to the comprehensive data and scientific expertise that help your company bring safe, high-quality products to market. Consider RIFM an extension of your research and development teams, providing independent scientific support that complements your internal capabilities.

Our scientific program is built on modern, human-relevant approaches. RIFM has not conducted any animal testing for human health endpoints in over 13 years, and our research focuses on advancing and applying non-animal New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) to strengthen our safety assessments. All RIFM's work undergoes independent review by the Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety. You can learn more about the Panel and its members at [FragranceSafetyPanel.org](https://www.fragrancesafetypanel.org).

Since our inception, we have published all studies, making our safety assessments and research accessible through open-source, peer-reviewed scientific publications. For more than 10 years, these safety assessments have also been freely available for download via the [Fragrance Materials Safety Assessment Database](#). To date, over 2,300 materials have been published with safety assessments, each of which is reviewed at least every five years. The science conducted at RIFM forms the foundation of the International Fragrance Association (IFRA) Standards, with the maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) values determined in our safety assessments becoming the IFRA Standards.

We work proactively to keep the RIFM Database current and comprehensive. Covering more than 7,000 fragrance, flavor, and functional materials, the database is accessible 24/7 to subscribers via [RIFM.org](https://www.rifm.org). The database

includes a more robust version of every RIFM safety assessment than what is available in the peer-reviewed literature, providing RIFM Members and Database Subscribers with comprehensive, Expert Panel-reviewed insights, detailed material data, and the most up-to-date safety evaluations for informed decision-making.

RIFM also offers a variety of webinars throughout the year to update members on the latest scientific methodologies, data, and considerations shaping the industry.

Membership in RIFM broadens your network of technical contacts to include fragrance industry leaders, RIFM and IFRA staff, other trade associations, fragrance industry scientists, and experts across global scientific and academic communities. This added technical support can enhance your own safety evaluation procedures, strengthening product management and supporting both group and company goals.

Included with this letter are your RIFM membership application, dues schedule, the Membership section of the RIFM Bylaws, and additional materials about RIFM and our scientific work.

RIFM staff are always available to provide any additional information you may need. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you as a new member of RIFM. Please print and complete your membership application, then return it by fax or regular mail. An original signature is required.

Best regards,
Anne Marie Api, PhD, Fellow ATS
President, RIFM, Inc.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

RIFM is the cost-effective solution for fragrance materials safety research and testing. Shared research expenses eliminate testing duplication and provide a uniform interpretation of research results.

RIFM delivers well-documented conclusions from a comprehensive analysis, including the maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) values that become the IFRA Standards, thereby enhancing product management for its members and resulting in safer, more life-enriching products for consumers.

RIFM Member Benefits include:

- Exclusive access to the Members Only content on the RIFM website at RIFM.org, including more robust Expert Panel-reviewed Fragrance Ingredient Safety Assessments than are published in the peer-reviewed literature, and downloadable RIFM publications and reports, such as the Biodegradation Data Sheet, which compiles all biodegradation studies into a single spreadsheet for easy access
- Assistance from RIFM staff scientists with your safety, scientific, and technical fragrance ingredient issues
- Discounted subscription and 24/7 web access to RIFM's comprehensive database of fragrance and flavor materials
- Discounted pricing for RIFM's annual meeting, webinars, and events
- Support of your company's efforts to maintain compliance with REACH requirements
- Discounted or free Letters of Access (depending on the length of membership) to RIFM Studies
- Early awareness of scientific and regulatory issues affecting the fragrance industry
- Active and Consumer Product Active Members are eligible for nomination to the RIFM Board and
- Supporting Members are eligible for a seat on the IFRA Joint Advisory Group (JAG)
- All qualified RIFM Members may participate in RIFM scientific Core Teams
- Access to RIFM's non-animal methodologies, models, and data for fragrance ingredient safety assessment
- An expanded technical network that includes fragrance manufacturers, client companies, IFRA and RIFM staff scientists, and other experts in the scientific community
- Participation in shaping the fragrance industry's ingredient research and safety program at RIFM
- First look at developing IFRA Standards during the consultation phase
- Meaningful collaboration with colleagues

FRAGRANCE INGREDIENT SAFETY ASSESSMENTS

RIFM's Fragrance Ingredient Safety Assessment program draws information from its database of over 80,000 references that include approximately 200,000 human health and environmental studies. RIFM's Safety Assessments are the most comprehensive safety analyses of fragrance ingredients in world. For those materials requiring risk management, the maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) values in the published safety assessment become the IFRA Standards.

RIFM members have access to all RIFM Safety Assessments via the **RIFM Database** as soon as they are approved by the Expert Panel. Shorter, robust summaries of the assessments are then peer-reviewed and published by Elsevier's **Food and Chemical Toxicology** journal. All of RIFM's peer-reviewed assessments and other research is made available free to the general public at fragrancematerialsafetyresource.elsevier.com.

RIFM's scientists evaluate each fragrance ingredient for:

- Exposure
- Dermal sensitization
- Genotoxicity
- Phototoxicity/Photoallergy
- Reproduction
- Repeat Dose
- Respiratory sensitization and effects
- Environmental impact and effects

These evaluations are informed by the most recent advances in:

- Computational toxicology
- *In vitro* methodologies
- New methods to determine aggregate exposure
- Assessing fragrance ingredient environmental impact
- Use of Threshold for Toxicological Concern (TTC)

RIFM's Integrated Testing Strategy:

- Uses multiple screening assays and builds on a solid history of toxicological testing
- Improves fragrance material assessments
- Employs alternatives to animal testing

LONG-RANGE RESEARCH

RIFM's Long-Range Research Plan for Human Health and Environmental Science supports improvements to the Fragrance Ingredient Safety Assessment Process and covers all endpoints. RIFM's research:

- Validates or improves safety assessment methodologies (non-animal)
- Increases the output of safety assessments
- Improves/advances processes set out in the criteria document for RIFM's Safety Evaluation Process for Fragrance Ingredients

All RIFM Members may request a copy of the RIFM Research Plan and Roadmap.

ASSESSMENT TOOLS

RIFM has created several safety assessment tools (non-animal models and methodologies) that are available to RIFM Members and Database Subscribers.

They include:

- The Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model
- The Skin Absorption Model (SAM)
- The Toxicology Data Search Engine (TDSE)
- The 2-Box Air Dispersion Model
- The Multiple Path Particle Dosimetry Inhalation Exposure Model (MPPD)

More information on these tools can be found on the RIFM web site at [RIFM.org](https://www.rifm.org).

RIFM Member Company Committee Participation

RIFM Active Member Companies may nominate representatives to the RIFM Board of Directors. Supporting Members may elevate their membership to RIFM Consumer Active Members if they wish to participate at the Board level.

RIFM Supporting Member companies may nominate representatives to the IFRA Joint Advisory Group (JAG).

All RIFM Members may nominate a representative to one of the Core Teams if the representative is an established expert in the field examined by the Core Team. The fields of Core Team expertise are listed below.

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Core Team – Computational Chemistry

Core Team – Genotoxicity

Core Team – Repeat Dose

Core Team – Reproduction

Core Team – Skin Sensitization

Core Team – Phototoxicity/Photoallergy

Core Team – Respiratory

Core Team – Environmental

Core Team – NCS

Core Team – Aggregate Exposure

THE RIFM DATABASE

The RIFM Database is the most comprehensive, worldwide source of toxicology data, literature, and general information on fragrance and flavors, containing more than 7,000 raw materials. The Database is updated with new raw and curated data daily. RIFM reviews many scientific journals monthly and regularly collects member company data to keep the RIFM Database as complete as possible.

The RIFM Database contains approximately 200,000 Human Health, Respiratory, Environmental, and Toxicological Studies, published and unpublished, accessible by chemical, author, keyword, or reference search:

- RIFM Sponsored Studies
- Government Reports
- Company Sponsored studies
- Published Papers

There are:

- More than 7,000 materials indexed by over 39,700 synonyms and accessed by EINECS, CAS, FEMA, RIFM I.D. numbers, botanical sources, or search references using partial citation information
- Over 62,600 physical properties, molecular weights, chemical structures, and natural occurrence information
- Volumes and use levels in specific food categories for FEMA substances

Regulatory Information

- FEMA and FDA GRAS, TSCA, DSL, EINECS registrations
- The IFRA/IOFI GHS Labeling Manual
- Korean ECL inventory numbers
- Japanese METI/ENCS numbers
- IUPAC names
- Hyperlinks to C/M/R categories
- JECFA summaries
- SCC opinions
- IFRA Standards

RIFM studies include:

- Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety—reviewed Fragrance Ingredient Safety Assessments on individual materials (with more data than the peer-reviewed & published versions)
- Published monographs, Group Summaries, and Fragrance Material Reviews (FMRs)

Email notifications customized to the subscriber's interests and desired frequency of reporting—immediately, weekly, monthly, quarterly.

Types of RIFM Membership

Classes of Membership; Qualifications. Membership in the Corporation shall consist of three classes: Active Members, Associate Members and Supporting Members.

(a) **Active Members:** Active Members shall be either Fragrance Active Members or Consumer Product Active members.

Fragrance Active Members shall be limited to those persons, firms, corporations, and divisions of corporations primarily engaged in the manufacture and/or sale and distribution of fragrances or fragrance ingredients at other than the retail level.

Consumer Product Active Members shall be limited to those persons, firms, corporations and divisions of corporations primarily engaged in the purchase of fragrances and fragrance ingredients for further manufacture including incorporation into consumer products at the retail level.

(b) **Supporting Members:** Supporting Members shall be persons, firms, corporations and divisions of corporations who would qualify as Consumer Product Active Members, except that representatives of such Supporting Members shall not be eligible to serve on the Corporation's Board of Directors



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Company Name _____

Address _____

City & State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ email: _____

Name of Representative to RIFM: _____ Title: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: Active _____ Consumer Active _____ Consumer Supporting _____

Brief Description of Nature of Business:

Number of years in business _____

My application will be sponsored by the following two Active members of RIFM:

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|----|--------------|---|
| 1. | _____ | _____ |
| | Company Name | Signature of Representative Company Sponsor |
| | | _____ |
| | | (Please print Name and Title) |
| 2. | _____ | _____ |
| | Company Name | Signature of Representative Company Sponsor |
| | | _____ |
| | | (Please print Name and Title) |

I hereby make application to the Board of Directors for membership in the Research Institute for Fragrance Materials, Inc.; I agree to abide by the provisions of the By-Laws of the Corporation upon acceptance for membership.

Date

Signature of Authorized Individual

Please Print Name

Date

Return this application to: Anne Marie Api, PhD, Fellow ATS, President, Research Institute for Fragrance Materials, Inc., 1200 MacArthur Blvd, Suite 306, Mahwah, NJ 07430-2322 USA

2026 DUES SCHEDULE

FRAGRANCE INGREDIENT ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Manufacturers/Sellers: Sales of fragrance compounds, aroma chemicals and essential oils. Brokerage sales included at 75%.

Category	<u>ANNUAL SALES WORLDWIDE</u>	<u>2026 DUES</u>
A1	0 - < 2M	\$5,200
A2	2M - < 3M	\$7,000
A3	3M - < 5M	\$11,000
A4	5M - < 10M	\$20,000
A5	10M - < 20M	\$40,000
A6	20M - < 30M	\$67,000
A7	30M - < 40M	\$93,000
A8	40M - < 50M	\$116,000
A9	50M - < 70M	\$156,000
A10	70M - < 100M	\$181,000
A11	100M - < 150M	\$206,000 + .05% of sales > \$100M
A12	150M - < 200M	\$232,000 + .05% of sales > \$150M
A13	200M - < 300M	\$335,000 + .05% of sales > \$200M
A14	300M - < 450M	\$489,000 + .05% of sales > \$300M
A15	450M - < 600M	\$644,000 + .05% of sales > \$450M
A16	600M - < 750M	\$798,000 + .05% of sales > \$600M
A17	750M - < 1B	\$953,000 + .012% of sales > \$750M
A18	1B - < 1.5B	\$1,159,000 + .012% of sales > \$1B
A19	1.5 Billion and Above	\$1,468,000 + .012% of sales > \$1.5B

CONSUMER PRODUCT ACTIVE MEMBER:

Purchasers/Sellers: The value of finished compounds used internally within the member company (includes purchased compounds, aroma chemicals, and chemicals made and used internally) and sales of aroma chemicals and compounds.

	<u>ANNUAL PURCHASES WORLDWIDE</u>	<u>2026 DUES</u>
A20	0 - < 50M	\$103,000
A21	50M - < 150M	\$206,000
A22	150M - < 250M	\$309,000
A23	250M and Above	\$412,000

SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

Purchases of fragrance compounds, aroma chemicals and essential oils.

	<u>ANNUAL SALES WORLDWIDE</u>	<u>2026 DUES</u>
B1	0 - < 3M	\$14,500
B2	3 - < 10M	\$37,000
B3	10M or Above	\$50,500

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF RIFM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1. Corporate membership in RIFM is offered in accordance with the Membership section of RIFM's Bylaws as described below.
2. All applications **must be sponsored and signed** by executive management from two (2) current Active RIFM member companies prior to their submission to RIFM.
3. Please submit your completed application to the person at the address shown on the bottom of the application. After your application is reviewed by the RIFM Board of Directors, you will receive a letter advising you of the status of your application, followed by a letter requesting payment of your annual dues. Once your dues payment has been received, you will be entitled to all benefits of RIFM membership, including access to the extensive RIFM Database.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. Members. The members of the Corporation shall consist of each of the subscribers to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation and each person, firm, corporation or division of a corporation admitted to membership as provided in these By-laws, until such membership shall be terminated for any reason.

Section 2. Classes of Membership; Qualifications. Membership in the Corporation shall be of four classes: Active, Associate, Supporting, and the International Fragrance Association IFRA.

(a) Active Membership

1. **Fragrance Ingredient Active Members** shall be limited to those persons, firms, corporations and divisions of the corporations primarily engaged in the manufacture and/or sale and distribution of fragrances or fragrance ingredients at other than the retail level.
2. **Consumer Product Active Members** shall be limited to those persons, firms, corporations and divisions of the corporations primarily engaged in the purchase of fragrances and fragrance ingredients for further manufacture including incorporation into consumer products at the retail level.

(b) Supporting Membership shall include persons, firms, corporations and divisions of corporations engaged in the manufacture for sale or distribution at the retail level of consumer products using or consisting of fragrance or fragrance ingredients.

(c) IFRA Membership shall include the Regular Members of the International Fragrance Association ("IFRA").

(d) A division of a corporation engaged as a separate unit in a business described in this Section 2 may be admitted as a member in accordance with the requirements of this Section 2 at the discretion and upon the vote of the Board of Directors as provided in Section 3 of this Article II.

Section 3. Admission to Membership. Persons, firms, corporations and division of corporations meeting the qualifications for membership in any class and having been engaged in the required business for at least one year shall (except for the subscribers to the Certificate of Incorporation who shall be Active Members) be admitted to membership only upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board of Directors, whose determination shall be based upon (a) their qualifications, (b) whether or not such admission to membership will be desirable and of assistance in promoting and carrying out the purposes of the Corporation and (c) such other factors as the Board of Directors shall deem relevant and appropriate, and such determination shall be conclusive.

Section 4. Compliance with IFRA Code of Practice and Standards. Members are expected to comply with all applicable provisions of the International Fragrance Association (IFRA) Code of Practice and Standards. The IFRA Code provides recommendations for good operating practice and guidelines on fragrance ingredient safety assessment, and includes fragrance safety standards which limit or prohibit the usage of certain fragrance materials.

Section 5. Resignation of Members. Any member may resign from the Corporation by giving notice thereof to the Corporation, which notice shall be presented by the Chair to the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the receipt of such notice. A resignation of member shall take effect upon receipt by Corporation of such written notice, unless such member shall, at the time, be indebted to the Corporation.

Section 6. Suspension and Expulsion. Any Member may be suspended for a period of time or expelled from membership, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Active Members at any meeting thereof, the notice for which shall specify as one of its purposes consideration of such suspension or expulsion.

In addition, the membership of any Member may be terminated by the Board of Directors, if such member shall be in arrears in paying its annual dues or any increase therein for a period of time exceeding 60 days following the termination thereof.

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There are more than 16,000 unpublished member company and RIFM sponsored toxicological studies summarized in the Database. RIFM reviews upwards of 50 journals a month, conducts literature searches, and regularly collects our member company data in an effort to keep the RIFM Database as comprehensive as possible.

Number of Accounts (company-wide)	Price
1-5 Accounts	\$ 3,600
6-10 Accounts	\$ 6,000
11-49 Accounts	\$ 7,100
50-150 Accounts	\$ 8,300

For security purposes, all database subscribers are required to acknowledge an online subscription agreement. Shared Usernames are not permitted, and use can be monitored. These actions are intended to prevent shared usernames or accounts that are not cancelled and may be used by previous employees and possibly jeopardize security and confidentiality. Your assistance in updating database user contact information is greatly appreciated.

INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES ULTIMATELY PROTECT RIFM/FEMA MEMBERS AND THEIR DATA

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Christen Sachse-Vasquez** at RIFM, (862) 401-2972 ext. 107 or via e-mail at csachse-vasquez@rifm.org

SUPPORTING MEMBER

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Number of Accounts (company-wide)	Price
1-5 Accounts	\$ 12,100
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11-49 Accounts	\$ 24,100
50-150 Accounts	\$ 28,100

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RIFM DATABASE APPLICATION

First Name:

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Zip Code:

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Phone:

Fax:

Email Address:

Affiliation: ☐ RIFM ☐ IOFI (FEMA) ☐ RIFM Consultant

I hereby state that all the above information is accurate, and I will be held liable for any falsely reported information. I also understand and agree that only employees of a Subscriber are authorized to use the Database and that access to the Database under my name and/or account shall be used only by me and may not be transferred or loaned to any third party, including other employees, consultants or independent contractors of a Subscriber, absent prior written approval from RIFM.

☐ (please check box)

Signature:

Date:

- ❖ Each new user should fill out this application, save changes, and e-mail to the address below
- ❖ Subscribers will be notified when the new account is active and will be able to set up a password and log on after accepting an online subscription agreement

Please email the completed application to Meghan Barreto mbarreto@rifm.org



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