Become a **leader**. Become a **RIFM Member**.



We believe in exceptional science, free exchange, and peerless stewardship.



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

Our Core Values

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

Our Vision

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



Our Strategy

RIFM's Strategy builds on its Mission, Core Values, Vision, and the success of its 2019-2023 Strategy to achieve three long-term goals.

- Robust safety assessments provide the foundation of trust in the safe use of fragrance materials.
- ② RIFM leads scientific advancement in support of the safe use of fragrances.
- 3 RIFM engages with key stakeholders to increase the impact of our science.

RIFM membership signals integrity and dedication to the safety of consumers and the environment.

The Research Institute for Fragrance Materials (RIFM) was established as a member-supported non-profit organization in 1966 by industry safety stewardship leaders who believed that fragrance manufacturers and product retailers shared a common goal: protecting the consumer and the environment.

RIFM member companies share a commitment to scientific objectivity and support the research and testing needed to assure the authorities and the public that we can maintain consumer safety. Scientifically evaluating fragrance ingredients is expensive, time-consuming, and requires layers of expertise. By pooling resources and taking steps to guarantee scientific objectivity, RIFM's member companies ensure the safe use of their products and meet international regulatory compliance.

RIFM is recognized internationally for delivering well-documented conclusions from a comprehensive analysis, enhancing product management for its members, and resulting in safer, more life-enriching products for the consumer.

The greatest benefit of RIFM membership is having access to all the data available to help market safe products. RIFM members know how critical it is to stay current on fragrance material safety data in a competitive market. RIFM membership affords a wealth of exclusive content, tools, events, and access to an expanded network of technical expertise.

We are committed to scientific objectivity.

RIFM works across academia, governmental agencies, and industry, taking five critical steps to ensure bias-free, science-based evaluations that allow the world to enjoy fragrance safely.



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RIFM's work must be reviewed and approved by The Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety, an oversight body of academic experts without ties to the industry.



2 RIFM prioritizes data that follows internationally accepted best practices and guidelines.



3 Once approved, RIFM submits all of its work for publication in the peer-reviewed scientific literature.



RIFM makes all published work available for open access to the scientific community and other fragrance safety stakeholders via The Fragrance Material Safety Resource Center; visit via the QR code to the left.



5 RIFM collaborates with governmental agencies worldwide to ensure that its science is reproducible by independent scientists.

We provide the low-cost foundation for fragrance safety leadership.

Access to Members Only webinars and member-exclusive content on the RIFM website at RIFM.org, including downloadable data summarizations, status updates, and reports.

Access to RIFM's non-animal methodologies, models, and data for fragrance ingredient safety assessment.

Assistance from RIFM staff scientists with safety, scientific, and technical fragrance ingredient issues.

Discounted subscription and 24/7 web access to RIFM's comprehensive fragrance and flavor materials database.

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.





Eligibility for nomination to the RIFM Board (active and consumer product active members only); a seat on the IFRA joint advisory group (JAG) (supporting members only).

Expanded Technical Network, including fragrance manufacturers, client companies, IFRA and RIFM staff scientists, and other experts in the scientific community.

First Look at developing IFRA standards during the consultation phase.

Meaningful Collaboration with colleagues.

Participation in RIFM scientific core teams by qualified member company staff.

Participation in shaping the fragrance industry's ingredient research and safety program at RIFM.

Support of member company efforts to maintain compliance with reach requirements.



The RIFM Database is the most comprehensive worldwide source of toxicology data, literature, and general information on fragrances and flavors, containing more than 7,000 raw materials, which have been chemically grouped to better understand their safe use profiles. The database is updated and maintained daily. RIFM reviews scientific journals monthly and regularly collects member company data to keep the RIFM Database as complete as possible.

The RIFM Database contains nearly 200,000 Human Health, Respiratory, Environmental, and Toxicological Studies as part of 80,000 references, published and unpublished, accessible by chemical, author, keyword, or reference search:

- ► RIFM Sponsored Studies
- ► Government Reports
- Company Sponsored Studies
- ▶ Published Papers







RIFM Database subscribers enjoy a wealth of on-demand data, including:

More than 7,000 materials indexed by over 17,000 synonyms and accessed by EINECS, CAS, FEMA, RIFM I.D. numbers, botanical sources, or search references using partial citation information.

Over 18,000 physical properties, molecular weights, chemical structures, and natural occurrence information.

Volume and use levels in specific food categories for FEMA substances Regulatory Information.

FEMA, FDA GRAS, TSCA, DSL, and EINECS registrations.

Korean ECL inventory numbers, Japanese METI/ENCS numbers, and IUPAC names.

JECFA summaries, SCC opinions, and IFRA Standards.

At your fingertips: a suite of cutting-edge animal-alternative safety assessment tools.



Genotoxicity Data Visualization Tool

Genotoxicity data for fragrance ingredients in a graphical format.



RIFM Skin Absorption Model Calculator

Used to estimate the skin absorption percentage of an ingredient.



The Multiple Path Particle Dosimetry Model

Assessment tool developed to study the uptake of vapors and deposition of aerosol particulate/droplet components.



RIFM 2-Box Air Dispersion Model

Indoor environment air model that characterizes the dispersion of a single chemical inside two connected zones and determines air exposure concentrations.





Toxicity Data Search Engine

Automatically searches 9 major toxicology databases to generate a combined accessible output.

We believe that science not

communicated is science not done.

RIFM launched its first-ever Communications Strategy in 2020 to ensure the Institute made its science accessible, legible, and available for all fragrance safety stakeholders.

RIFM staff engage in ongoing communications development and present their work for thousands of fragrance safety stakeholders annually online and at conferences, member site visits, meetings with international regulatory agencies, and other events worldwide.

RIFM's scientists frequently share their scientific insights in high-impact mainstream and industry media articles, from Good Housekeeping and The New York Times to CosmeticsDesign and Perfumer & Flavorist.

RIFM's peer-reviewed scientific publications, including dozens of NAMs-focused research papers and safety assessments covering nearly 2,000 fragrance ingredients, are available for open access via the Fragrance Material Safety Resource Center.

We believe that success begins with accountability.

RIFM dedicates all to ensuring that state-of-the-art science enables the world to enjoy fragrance. To realize this vision, the Institute funds cutting-edge research to drive change through innovation, facilitates stakeholder education, collaborates with scientists and organizations worldwide, and provides the resources its members need to achieve and maintain fragrance safety leadership.

RIFM exceeds the standards set by all groups that monitor the non-profit sector, and we are proud to put membership dues to the best possible use in achieving our goals. Our expenses are constantly scrutinized and well within the appropriate target range by ratings agencies.

Our functional reporting of expenses is:

86% for programs and services

(e.g., Research and Safety Assessment Programs, the Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety, the RIFM Database).

14% for general management.

Join us today and become a leader.





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