



The International  
Fragrance Association



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## Essential oils on the agenda at EU- industry workshop

On the 8th April, in Brussels, IFRA along with representatives of the essential oils industry (EFEO) attended a workshop organized by the EU Commission with the participation of ECHA. It was jointly co-chaired by DG Environment and DG Enterprise.

The workshop was designed to address serious concerns regarding the EU Chemicals legislation REACH and CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging) and the ability to comply for small essential oils companies facing complex legislation for the first time.

Producers from France, Italy and Bulgaria explained that the substances they produce are not standard chemicals. They are produced outdoors in nature and therefore their properties and composition depend on many different naturally occurring factors. The industry made it clear that they are willing to embrace their responsibility and comply with the new legislation, but that they require some specific guidelines specific to their sector.

The Commission and ECHA welcomed the industry's commitment to comply, and promised to work together with the sector on the development of specific guidelines for the essential oils industry to help companies fulfill their obligations. In addition, the EU Commission, following on from a previous workshop held in December last year also proposed implementing legislation to address issues like cost and data sharing, which are typical requirements of the REACH legislation.

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The International Fragrance Association, founded in 1973, represents the interests of the fragrance industry worldwide. IFRA comprises seven multinational Regular Members and 21 national associations in four global regions representing hundreds of small and medium-sized fragrance ingredient manufacturers, as well as supporting members. Its mission is to promote the safe use of fragrance for everyone's enjoyment.

Fragrances are a key platform technology used by consumer goods companies – for fine fragrances, personal care products, household care and more.

IFRA's flagship safe use program, the IFRA Standards, applies safety management measures based on scientific assessment and the evaluations of an independent Expert Panel. The program is at the heart of the IFRA Code of Practice, which applies to all IFRA members globally, including members of IFRA's 21 national associations. The Code also requires members to abide by local, national and international regulation, and to apply good manufacturing practices.

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