
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: **August 15, 2003**
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

1-7685
(Commission File Number)

95-1492269
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

150 N. Orange Grove Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91103
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(626) 304-2000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

As previously announced by Avery Dennison in a press release dated April 14, 2003, the Company was advised by the U.S. Department of Justice that it had initiated a criminal investigation into competitive practices in the label stock industry and that it planned to issue a subpoena to the Company in connection with its investigation.

On August 15, 2003, the Company received a subpoena from the Department of Justice in connection with its investigation. The Company expects to cooperate with the Department's investigation.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION

Date: August 15, 2003

By: / s / Daniel R. O'Bryant

Name: Daniel R. O'Bryant
Title: Chief Financial Officer and
Senior Vice President, Finance