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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 (Date of earliest event reported): July 1, 2003

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-9371	51-0283071
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)		Identification No.)

375 Park Avenue, Suite 3201

New York, New York

10152

Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 752-1356

Item 5. Other Events.

On July 1, 2003, Alleghany Corporation issued a press release announcing that it has completed the acquisition of Royal Specialty Underwriting, Inc., the Atlanta, Georgia-based excess and surplus underwriting agency subsidiary of Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group plc. A copy of such release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit accompanies this report:

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99.1 Press Release Annous

Press Release Announcing Completion of Acquisition by Alleghany Corporation of Royal Specialty Underwriting, Inc.

SIGNATURES

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

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

Date: July 2, 2003 By: /s/ Peter R. Sismondo

Name: Peter R. Sismondo

Title: Vice President, Controller,

Treasurer and Assistant

Secretary

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