GENERAL MILLS INC Form NT 11-K November 26, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 12b-25

Commission File Number 1-118
NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING
(Check One): [] Form 10-K and Form 10-KSB [X] Form 11-K [] Form 20-F [] Form 10-Q and Form 10-QSB [] Form N-SAR
For Period Ended: May 31, 2003
[] Transition Report on Form 10-K and Form 10-KSB [] Transition Report on Form 10-Q and Form 10-QSB [] Transition Report on Form 20-F [] Transition Report on Form N-SAR [] Transition Report on Form 11-K
For Transition Period Ended:
READ ATTACHED INSTRUCTION SHEET BEFORE PREPARING FORM. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.
Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.
If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:
PART I. REGISTRANT INFORMATION
Full name of registrant General Mills, Inc.
Full name of plans General Mills 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan")
Former name if applicable
Address of principal executive office (STREET AND NUMBER) Number One General Mills Blvd.
City, State and Zip Code Minneapolis, Minnesota 55426

PART II. RULE 12b-25 (b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check appropriate box.)

- [X] (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- [X] (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, 10-KSB, 20-F, 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the 15th calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, 10-QSB or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- [] (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III. NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Form 10-K, 10-KSB, 11-K, 20-F, 10-Q, 10-QSB, N-SAR or the transition report portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach extra sheets if needed.)

As a result of the merger of the Pillsbury 401(k) Savings Plan and Retirement Savings Plan into the General Mills 401(k) Savings Plan and ongoing merger-related transactions through October 2002, additional work was required to prepare the financial statements for the Plan. Accordingly, the Plan cannot timely file the Annual Report on Form 11-K for the annual period ended May 31, 2003 without unreasonable effort or expense. The registrant has been working diligently to complete all required financial information. The registrant believes that it will be able to obtain and file such information by the 15th calendar day following the prescribed due date of the Form 11-K.

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PART IV. OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Kenneth L.	Thome	(763)	764-7600
(Name)		(Area Code)	(Telephone number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company

Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

[X] Yes [] No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

[] Yes [X] No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

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General Mills, Inc.

(Name of registrant as specified in charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date November 25, 2003

By /s/ Kenneth L. Thome

Senior Vice President, Financial Operations

INSTRUCTION. The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (SEE 18~U.S.C.~1001).