Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. Form 8-K July 16, 2008

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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 16, 2008

# Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

Bermuda (State or other jurisdiction

1-15259 (Commission File Number) 98-0214719 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

**Identification No.)** 

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110 Pitts Bay Road P.O. Box HM 1282

Pembroke HM 08

**Hamilton HM FX** 

Bermuda
(Address, Including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (441) 296-5858

#### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On July 16, 2008, Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. issued a press release announcing expected pre-tax losses of approximately \$16 million to \$18 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 related to U.S. weather events during the second quarter of 2008. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release issued by Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. dated July 16, 2008

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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.

 $ARGO\ GROUP\ INTERNATIONAL\ HOLDINGS,\ LTD.$ 

Dated: July 16, 2008 By: /s/ Jay S. Bullock

Name: Jay S. Bullock

Title: Chief Financial Officer