

GENERAL MILLS INC  
Form SC 13D/A  
October 08, 2004

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 5)\*

General Mills, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

370334104

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(Cusip Number)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

October 8, 2004

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. Name of Reporting Person: I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):  
Diageo plc

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Source of Funds (See Instructions):  
N/A

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5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e):

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6. Citizenship or Place of Organization:  
England and Wales

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7. Sole Voting Power:  
0

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

8. Shared Voting Power:  
25,095,457

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9. Sole Dispositive Power:  
0

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10. Shared Dispositive Power:  
25,095,457

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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
25,095,457

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12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions):

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11):

6.6%

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14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions):

HC, CO

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1. Name of Reporting Person: Diageo US Limited  
 I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only:

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions):  
 N/A

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e):

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization:  
 England and Wales

Number of  
 Shares  
 Beneficially  
 Owned by  
 Each  
 Reporting  
 Person With

7. Sole Voting Power:  
 0

8. Shared Voting Power:  
 24,592,320

9. Sole Dispositive Power:  
 0

10. Shared Dispositive Power:  
 24,592,320

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
 24,592,320

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12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions):

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11):

6.5%

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14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions):

HC, CO

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1. Name of Reporting Person: I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):  
Diageo Great Britain Limited

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Source of Funds (See Instructions):  
N/A

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5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e):

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6. Citizenship or Place of Organization:  
England and Wales

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7. Sole Voting Power:  
0

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

8. Shared Voting Power:  
503,137

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9. Sole Dispositive Power:  
0

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10. Shared Dispositive Power:  
503,137

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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
503,137

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12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions):

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11):

0.1%

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14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions):

HC, CO

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This Amendment No. 5 amends and supplements the Schedule 13D ( Schedule 13D ) of Diageo plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales ( Diageo ), and Selviac Nederland B.V., a company organized under the laws of the Netherlands and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Diageo ( SNBV ), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on November 13, 2001, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D of Diageo, Diageo Holdings Netherlands B.V., a company organized under the laws of the Netherlands and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Diageo ( Diageo Holdings Netherlands ), and Diageo Midwest B.V., a company organized under the laws of the Netherlands and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Diageo ( DMWBV ), filed with the SEC on October 23, 2002, and as further amended by Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D of Diageo, Diageo Holdings Netherlands and DMWBV, filed with the SEC on October 28, 2002, and as further amended by Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D of Diageo and Diageo Holdings Netherlands, filed with the SEC on June 24, 2004, and as further amended by Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule 13D of Diageo, Diageo US Limited, a private limited company organized under the laws of England and Wales and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Diageo ( DUSL ), and Diageo Great Britain Limited, a private limited company organized under the laws of England and Wales and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Diageo ( DGBL ), filed with the SEC on October 6, 2004, with respect to the common stock of General Mills, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( General Mills ), beneficially owned by Diageo (the Shares ).

**Item 2. Identity and Background.**

Item 2 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by deleting the last sentence of the second paragraph added to Item 2 by Amendment No. 3 and the third paragraph added to Item 2 by Amendment No. 3 and by adding the following to the end of the second paragraph added to Item 2 by Amendment No. 4:

On October 8, 2004, DUSL transferred 49,907,680 of the Shares as more fully described in Item 4 below. DUSL currently owns 24,592,320 of the Shares.

**Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.**

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by replacing the last sentence added to Item 3 by Amendment No. 4 with the following:

On October 8, 2004, DUSL transferred 49,907,680 of the Shares as more fully described in Item 4 below. As of the date hereof, DUSL is the current

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record owner of 24,592,320 of the Shares and DGBL is the record owner of 503,137 of the Shares.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following paragraph at the end thereof:

On October 8, 2004, pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, DUSL sold 33,314,760 of the Shares to the several underwriters (the Underwriters ) for a purchase price of \$44.40 per share. On October 8, 2004, pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement, DUSL sold 16,592,920 of the Shares to General Mills for a purchase price of \$44.40 per share.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by deleting the first sentence of the first paragraph of Item 5, the third paragraph of Item 5 and the paragraph added to Item 5 by Amendment No. 4 and by adding the following at the end of Item 5:

As described more fully in Item 4 above, DGBL sold 3,996,863 of the Shares to Diageo Pension Trust Limited pursuant to the Letter Agreement on October 4, 2004, DUSL sold 33,314,760 of the Shares to the Underwriters pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement on October 8, 2004 and DUSL sold 16,592,920 of the Shares to General Mills pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement on October 8, 2004, in each case for consideration of \$44.40 per share. Following completion of these transactions, the Reporting Persons own 25,095,457 Shares which represent approximately 6.6% of the Common Stock outstanding, based on 380,949,361 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of September 22, 2004 (as reported by General Mills in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on October 4, 2004).

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: October 8, 2004

DIAGEO plc

By: /s/ John Nicholls  
Name: John Nicholls  
Title: Deputy Secretary

DIAGEO US LIMITED

By: /s/ John Nicholls  
Name: John Nicholls  
Title: Company Secretary

DIAGEO GREAT BRITAIN LIMITED

By: /s/ John Nicholls  
Name: John Nicholls  
Title: Company Secretary