
**UNITED STATES
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):
May 29, 2009 (May 28, 2009)**

Brown-Forman Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

002-26821

(Commission File Number)

61-0143150

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

850 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky

(Address of principal executive offices)

40210

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(502) 585-1100**

Not Applicable

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

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On May 28, 2009, the Board of Directors of Brown-Forman Corporation (the “Company”) amended the Company’s Bylaws to clarify that the purpose of the annual meeting of stockholders is to elect directors and to transact such other corporate business as may properly be brought before the meeting, to remove language stating that directors need not be stockholders, to clarify the Company’s mandatory retirement policy for directors, and to modify the prescribed composition of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Specifically, Section 1.1 was revised to read as follows:

“SECTION 1.1 *Annual Meetings*. The annual meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other corporate business as may properly be brought before the meeting shall be held at such date, time and place either within or without the State of Delaware as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors, but no later than September 30 of each year.”

The last two sentences of Section 2.1 were replaced in their entirety by the following two sentences:

“A director may not stand for re-election to the Board after he or she has reached the age of 71; except that in exceptional circumstances, the Board may request a director to remain on the Board until a subsequent specified date, if it believes that the director’s continued service would be of significant benefit to the Company. Board member service beyond the age of 71 must be approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors, excluding the participation and vote of the director concerned.”

The first sentence of Section 2.5 was revised to read as follows:

“The Board of Directors may, by resolution or resolutions, passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate an Executive Committee to consist of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chairman of the Board (if separate from the Chief Executive Officer), and one or more of the directors as the Board may from time to time determine.”

The preceding is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Company’s Bylaws, as amended, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 3(ii).

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 28, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved a regular cash dividend of \$0.2875 cents per share on Class A and Class B Common Stock, payable on July 1, 2009, to stockholders of record as of the close of business on June 8, 2009. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 (and the related information in Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed “filed” for

purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 3(ii) Bylaws of Brown-Forman Corporation, as amended through May 28, 2009

Exhibit 99.1 Brown-Forman Corporation Press Release dated May 28, 2009

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.

Brown-Forman Corporation
(Registrant)

May 29, 2009
(Date)

/s/ Nelea A. Absher
Nelea A. Absher
Vice President, Associate General Counsel and
Assistant Corporate Secretary

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BY-LAWS
OF
BROWN-FORMAN CORPORATION
AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE I.
STOCKHOLDERS.

SECTION 1.1 *Annual Meetings*. The annual meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other corporate business as may properly be brought before the meeting shall be held at such date, time and place either within or without the State of Delaware as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors, but no later than September 30 of each year.

SECTION 1.2 *Special Meetings*. Special meetings of the stockholders may be held upon call of a majority of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Chairman of the Board or President (and shall be called by the Chairman of the Board or the President at the request in writing of stockholders owning a majority of the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote at the meeting) at such time and at such place within or without the State of Delaware as shall be fixed by the call for the meeting, and as may be stated in the notice setting forth such call.

SECTION 1.3 *Notice of Meeting; Waiver of Notice*. Notice of the time, place and purpose of every meeting of stockholders shall be mailed not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days next preceding the date of said meeting to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting, who shall have furnished a written address to the Secretary of the corporation for the purpose. Notice of any stockholders' meeting may be waived in writing by any stockholder entitled to vote at the meeting. Attendance of a person at a meeting of stockholders shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the stockholder attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the stockholders need be specified in any written waiver of notice.

SECTION 1.4 *Adjournments*. Any meeting of stockholders, annual or special, may adjourn from time to time to reconvene at the same or some other place, and notice need not be given of any such adjourned meeting if the time and place thereof are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. At the adjourned meeting the corporation may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting. If the adjournment is for more than thirty days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting.

SECTION 1.5 *Quorum*. At each meeting of stockholders, except where otherwise provided by law or the certificate of incorporation or these by-laws, the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares

of each class of stock entitled to vote at the meeting, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum the stockholders so present may, by majority vote, adjourn the meeting from time to time in the manner provided by Section 1.4 of these by-laws until a quorum shall attend.

SECTION 1.6 *Voting*. Each stockholder entitled to vote at any meeting shall have one vote in person or by proxy for each share of stock held by him which has voting power upon the matter in question at the time. At all elections of directors, the voting shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall elect. Except where a date shall have been fixed as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to vote as hereinafter provided, no share of stock shall be voted on at any election of directors which shall have been transferred on the books of the corporation within twenty (20) days next preceding such election.

SECTION 1.7 *Record Date*. The Board of Directors may fix in advance a date, not exceeding forty (40) days preceding the date of any meeting of stockholders, or the date for the payment of any dividend or distribution, or the date for the allotment of rights, or the date when any change or conversion or exchange of capital stock shall go into effect, as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, any such meeting, or entitled to receive payment of any such dividend or distribution, or to any such allotment of rights, or to exercise the rights in respect of any such change, conversion or exchange of capital stock, and in such case only such stockholders as shall be stockholders of record on the date so fixed shall be entitled to notice of, and to vote at such meeting, or to receive payment of such dividend or distribution, or to receive such allotment of rights, or to exercise such rights, as the case may be, notwithstanding any transfer of any stock on the books of the corporation after any such record date fixed as aforesaid.

SECTION 1.8 *Organization*. Meetings of stockholders shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board, if any, or in his absence by the President, or in their absence by a Vice President, or in the absence of the foregoing persons, by a chairman chosen at the meeting. The Secretary shall act as secretary of the meeting but in his absence the chairman of the meeting may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

ARTICLE II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 2.1 *Number; Qualification*. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than seventeen (17) persons, who shall hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders next ensuing after their election, and until their respective successors are elected and shall qualify. The number of Directors to serve from time to time shall be fixed by the Board of Directors subject to being changed by the stockholders at any Annual Meeting of Stockholders. A director may not stand for re-election to the Board after he or she has reached the age of 71; except that in exceptional circumstances, the Board may request a director to remain on the Board until a subsequent specified date, if it believes that the director's continued service would be of significant benefit to the Company. Board member service beyond the age of 71 must be approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors, excluding the participation and vote of the director concerned.

SECTION 2.2 *Vacancies*. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, and the directors so chosen shall hold office until the next annual election and until their successors shall be duly elected and shall qualify.

SECTION 2.3 *Meetings* . Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place within or without the State of Delaware as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Board or as may be specified in the call of any meeting. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Board, and special meetings may be held at any time upon call of the Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Board, if any, the President or a majority of the Board by telephonic or telegraphic notice duly given to each director not less than three days before the meeting or written notice sent or mailed to each director not less than five days before the meeting. Such notice shall state the time and place of the meeting, but need not specify the purpose thereof. A meeting of the Board may be held without notice immediately after the annual meeting of stockholders at the same place at which such meeting is held. Notice need not be given of regular meetings of the Board held at the time fixed by resolution of the Board. Meetings may be held at any time without notice if all directors are present or if those not present waive notice of the meeting in writing. At all meetings of the Board of Directors one-third of the entire Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the vote of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board, if any, or in his absence by the President, or in their absence by a chairman chosen at the meeting and the chairman of the meeting may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

SECTION 2.4 *Informal Action by Directors*. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, or of any committee thereof, may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board of Directors or of such committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing, and the writing or writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee.

SECTION 2.5 *Executive Committee* . The Board of Directors may, by resolution or resolutions, passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate an Executive Committee to consist of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chairman of the Board (if separate from the Chief Executive Officer), and one or more of the directors as the Board may from time to time determine. In addition, the Board of Directors may appoint persons who are not directors of the Corporation as associate non-voting members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise, when the Board is not in session, all the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, and shall have power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; but the Executive Committee shall not have power to fill vacancies in the Board, or to change the membership of or fill the vacancies on the said Committee, or to make or amend the By-laws of the corporation. The Board shall have power at any time to change the membership of the Executive Committee, to fill vacancies in it, or to dissolve it. The Executive Committee may make such rules for the conduct of its business and may appoint such committees and assistants as it shall from time to time deem necessary. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2.6 *Other Committees*. The Board of Directors may by resolution designate one or more other committees which committees shall have and may exercise such powers as the Board of Directors shall by resolution provide. Except as provided above in Section 2.5 for the Executive Committee, attendance by at least 50% of committee members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

ARTICLE III.
OFFICERS.

SECTION 3.1 *Election* . The Board of Directors, as soon as may be after the election held in each year, shall choose a Chairman of the Board and/or a President of the corporation, one or more Vice Presidents (with such classifications as the Board may determine), a Secretary and a Treasurer, and may if it so determines choose one or more Vice Chairmen of the Board. The Board of Directors may also from time to time appoint such Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers and such other officers, agents and employees as it may deem proper. The Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman of the Board, and the President shall be chosen from among the directors, and the Board of Directors shall designate either the President or the Chairman of the Board to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. Any two or more offices, except that of the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary, may be held by the same person.

SECTION 3.2 *Term; Removal* . The term of office of all officers shall be one year or until their respective successors are elected and shall qualify; but any officer may be removed from office at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board then in office. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the corporation by death, resignation, removal or otherwise may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting.

SECTION 3.3 *Powers and Duties* . Subject to the limitations as the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may from time to time prescribe, the officers of the corporation shall each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to the respective offices, as well as such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurers may be required to give bond for the faithful discharge of their duties, in such sum and with such surety as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV.
FUNDS OF THE CORPORATION.

All moneys of the corporation, or under its charge, deposited in any bank or other place of deposit, shall be deposited to the credit of the corporation in its corporate name, in such institutions, and shall be subject to withdrawal upon such signatures, as may from time to time be prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V.
CAPITAL STOCK

SECTION 5.1 *Certificates*. Shares of the capital stock of the corporation may be certificated or uncertificated, as provided under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. Each stockholder, upon written request to the transfer agent or the registrar of the corporation, shall be entitled to a certificate or certificates for shares of stock in such form as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, the rights and obligations of the holders of uncertificated stock and the rights and obligations of the holders of certificates representing stock of the same class and series shall be identical. Upon a holder's request, the corporation shall provide evidence of ownership of such holder's uncertificated shares.

SECTION 5.2 *Transfer of Stock* . Upon the surrender of any certificate for transfer of stock, such certificate shall be conspicuously marked on its face "Cancelled" and filed with the permanent stock records of the corporation. In order to surrender any certificate for transfer of stock, such certificate must

include an assignment and power of transfer endorsed thereon or attached thereto, duly executed and with such proof of authenticity of the signature as the corporation or its agents may reasonably require. Upon the receipt of proper transfer instructions from the registered owner of uncertificated shares, such uncertificated shares shall be cancelled, issuance of new equivalent uncertificated shares or certificated shares shall be made to the shareholder entitled thereto and the transaction shall be recorded upon the books of the corporation. The Board of Directors may appoint a transfer agent and one or more co-transfer agents and registrar and one or more co-registrars and may make or authorize such agent to make all such rules and regulations deemed expedient concerning the issue, transfer and registration of shares of stock.

SECTION 5.3 *Notice of Issuance or Transfer.* As required under Delaware law, within a reasonable time after the issuance or transfer of uncertificated stock, the corporation shall send or cause to be sent to the registered owner thereof a written notice containing the information required to be set forth or stated on certificates pursuant to Delaware state law or a statement that the corporation will furnish without charge to each stockholder who so requests, the powers, designations, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights.

SECTION 5.4 *Signatures.* The certificates of stock shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board or the President or a Vice President and by the Secretary or the Treasurer or an Assistant Secretary or an Assistant Treasurer (except that where any such certificate is signed by a transfer agent and by a registrar, the signatures of any such Chairman of the Board, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer may be facsimile, engraved or printed), and shall be countersigned and registered in such manner, if any, as the Board of Directors may by resolution prescribe. In case any officer or officers who shall have signed, or whose facsimile signature or signatures shall have been used on, any such certificate or certificates shall cease to be such officer or officers of the corporation, whether because of death, resignation or otherwise, before such certificate or certificates have been delivered by the corporation, such certificate or certificates may nevertheless be issued and delivered as though the person or persons who signed such certificate or certificates or whose facsimile signature or signatures have been used thereon had not ceased to be such officer or officers of the corporation.

SECTION 5.5 *Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificates.* No shares of stock in the corporation (whether certificated or uncertificated) shall be issued in place of any certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, except upon production of such evidence of such loss, theft or destruction and upon delivery to the corporation of a bond of indemnity in such amount, upon such terms and secured by such surety, as the Board in its discretion may require.

SECTION 5.6 *Stock Records.* A record shall be kept of the respective names of the persons, firms or corporations owning the corporation's stock whether or not represented by certificates, the number and class of shares owned thereby, respectively, and the respective dates thereof, and in case of cancellation, the respective dates of cancellation."

ARTICLE VI. CORPORATE BOOKS.

The books of the corporation, except the original or duplicate stock ledger, shall be kept at the office of the Company at Louisville, Kentucky; or at such other place or places as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE VII.
FISCAL YEAR.

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the 1st day of May in each year and shall end on the 30th day of April of each year, and may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII.
CORPORATE SEAL.

The corporate seal of this Company shall be circular in form and shall bear the name of the corporation and the words "Incorporated Delaware 1933."

ARTICLE IX.
INDEMNITY.

The Board of Directors may by resolution provide that the corporation shall indemnify to the extent authorized by law any person made or threatened to be made a party to an action or proceeding, whether criminal, civil, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he, his testator or intestate is or was a director, officer or employee of the corporation or serves or served any other enterprise as a director, officer or employee at the request of the corporation.

ARTICLE X.
AMENDMENTS.

The By-laws of the corporation, regardless of whether made by the stockholders or by the Board of Directors, may be amended, added to or repealed at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of the stockholders, provided notice of the proposed change is given in the notice of the meeting.

CERTIFICATION.

The undersigned, Secretary of BROWN-FORMAN CORPORATION, hereby certifies that the foregoing eight printed pages contain a true and complete copy of the By-laws of said corporation, as amended from time to time.

Corporate Secretary
Brown-Forman Corporation

Dated: May 28, 2009
Louisville, Kentucky.

EMERGENCY BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

These emergency by-laws shall be effective and operative during any emergency resulting from an attack on the United States or on a locality in which the corporation conducts its business or customarily holds meetings of its Board of Directors or its stockholders, or during any nuclear or atomic disaster, or during the existence of any catastrophe, or other similar emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board of Directors or a standing committee thereof cannot be readily convened for action.

ARTICLE II.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 1. A meeting of the Board of Directors, or a committee thereof, may be called by any director or officer by the giving of three (3) days' notice only to such of the directors as it may be feasible to reach at that time and by such means as may be feasible at the time, including publications and radio. The notice shall state the time and place of the meeting, but need not specify the purpose thereof.

SECTION 2: A quorum shall consist of any three (3) directors; and in addition to duly elected directors the officers listed in the following Section 4 hereof shall be eligible as directors to constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3: To the extent required to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the officers of the corporation who are present shall be deemed, in order of rank and within the same rank in order of seniority, directors for such meeting. If, within the same rank two or more officers' date of election as such officer is the same, seniority shall be determined on the basis of length of service with the corporation.

SECTION 4: Persons holding the following offices shall, in the order named, and to the extent required to provide a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors, be deemed directors for such meeting:

- Chairman of the Board
- Vice Chairman of the Board
- President
- Executive Vice President
- Senior Vice President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Vice President
- Assistant Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer

ARTICLE III.

If, during any such emergency, any officer shall be rendered incapable of discharging his duties, the authority, duties and functions of such officer shall be assumed by the person next in line of authority, as shown on the then currently effective organization chart of the corporation; provided, that no person assuming the authority, duties and functions of an officer shall be entitled to act as director, as provided in Article II hereof, unless he shall have been duly elected as an officer or director.

ARTICLE IV.

The Board of Directors may at any meeting change the head office or designate several alternative head offices or regional offices of the corporation or authorize officers so to do.

ARTICLE V.

No officer or director or employee acting in accordance with any of the provisions of these emergency by-laws shall be liable except for willful misconduct.

ARTICLE VI.

To the extent they are not inconsistent with these Emergency By-Laws, the By-Laws of the corporation shall remain in effect at all times. Upon the termination of the emergency described in Article I hereof, these Emergency By-Laws shall cease to be operative.



NEWS RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BROWN-FORMAN DECLARES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

LOUISVILLE, KY, May 28, 2009 — Brown-Forman's Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.2875 cents per share on Class A and Class B Common Stock.

Stockholders of record on June 8, 2009 will receive the cash dividend on July 1, 2009.

Brown-Forman has paid regular quarterly cash dividends for 63 consecutive years.

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