

Friendly Ian R
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Friendly Ian R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/22/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, COO, US Retail

(Street)
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 07/22/2008 | | M | | 40,000 | A | \$ 37.11 |
| Common Stock | 07/22/2008 | | S | | 40,000 | D | \$ 64.003 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 376 | I | |
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| | | | | | 5,503 | I | |

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|--------------|-------|--|---|--|--|--------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | | | by Trust <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | 1,463 | | I | | | by Trust <u>2 (3)</u> |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 37.11 | 07/22/2008 | | M | 40,000 | 12/14/2002 01/14/2009 | Common Stock 40 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Friendly Ian R NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426 | | | EVP, COO, US Retail | |

Signatures

By: Trevor V. Gunderson For: Ian R.
Friendly 07/24/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares held in irrevocable trust for the benefit of reporting person's child(ren).
- (2) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.

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- (3) Held in Trust for which the reporting person's spouse is a trustee and the reporting person's spouse and children are beneficiaries.
- (4) Employee option (right to buy) granted by the Compensation Committee of Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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