## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-A/A

## AMENDMENT NO. 1

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 95-1492269 (State of incorporation or organization) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

150 N. Orange Grove Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91103
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class
Name of each exchange on which
to be so registered
each class is to be registered

Preferred Share Purchase Rights

New York Stock Exchange
Pacific Stock Exchange

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None (Title of Class)

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The undersigned registrant hereby amends Items 1 and 2 of its Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated July 8, 1988, as set forth in the pages attached hereto.

Item 1. Amended and Restated Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

On June 30, 1988, the Board of Directors of Avery Dennison Corporation (formerly known as Avery International Corporation) (the "Company") declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a "Right") for each outstanding

share of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Common Shares"), of the Company. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-hundredth of a share of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Preferred Shares"), of the Company at a price of \$95 per one one-hundredth of a Preferred Share (the "Purchase Price"), subject to adjustment. The terms of the Rights are set forth in a Rights Agreement dated as of June 30, 1988, as amended as of December 9, 1994 (the "Rights Agreement"), between the Company and First Interstate Bank of California (as successor to Security Pacific National Bank, by amendment), as Rights Agent (the "Rights Agent").

The Rights are evidenced by the certificates representing the Common Shares and are not exercisable or transferable apart from the Common Shares until the earlier to occur of (i) 10 days following a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons (an "Acquiring Person") has acquired beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the outstanding Common Shares or (ii) 10 business days (or such later date as may be determined by action of the Board of Directors prior to such time as any Person becomes an Acquiring Person) following the commencement of, or announcement of an intention to make, a tender offer or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in the beneficial ownership by a person or group of 20% or more of such outstanding Common Shares (the earlier of such dates being called the "Distribution Date"). Separate certificates for the Rights ("Rights Certificates") will be mailed to holders of record of Common Shares as of such date. The Rights could then begin trading separately from the Common Shares.

In the event that the Company is acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction or 50% or more of its consolidated assets or earning power are sold, proper provision will be made so that each holder of a Right will thereafter have the right to receive, upon the exercise thereof at the then current exercise price of the Right, that number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company which at the time of

such transaction will have a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right.

If any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person, proper provision shall be made so that each holder of a Right, other than Rights beneficially owned by the Acquiring Person (which will thereafter be void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise that number of Common Shares having a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right.

At any time after any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person, and prior to the acquisition by such person or group of 50% or more of the outstanding Common Shares, the Board of Directors of the Company may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by such person or group which have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one Common Share, or one one-hundredth of a Preferred Share (or of a share of a class or series of the Company's preferred stock having equivalent rights, preferences and privileges), per Right (subject to adjustment).

In the event that the Rights are triggered and the Company is, after good faith effort, unable to authorize sufficient additional Common Shares to permit the exercise or exchange of any Rights, the Company will substitute, for each Common Share that would otherwise be issuable upon exercise or exchange of a Right, a number of Preferred Shares or fraction thereof such that the then current per share market price of one Preferred Share multiplied by such number or fraction is equal to the current per share market price of one Common Share as of the date of issuance of such Preferred Shares or fraction thereof.

If the Board of Directors determines in good faith that a person who would otherwise be an Acquiring Person has become such inadvertently, and such person promptly divests of a sufficient number of Common Shares so that such person would no longer be an Acquiring Person, then such person shall not be deemed an Acquiring Person.

The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date. The Rights will expire on June 30, 1998 (the "Final Expiration Date"), unless the Final Expiration Date is extended or unless the Rights are earlier redeemed by the Company, in each case, as described below.

The Purchase Price payable, and the number of Preferred Shares or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the Rights are subject to adjustment from time to

time to prevent dilution (i) in the event of a stock dividend on, or a subdivision, combination or reclassification of, the Preferred Shares, (ii) upon the grant to holders of the Preferred Shares of certain rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase Preferred Shares at a price, or securities convertible into Preferred Shares with a conversion price, less than the then current market price of the Preferred Shares or (iii) upon the distribution to holders of the Preferred Shares of evidences of indebtedness or assets (excluding regular periodic cash dividends paid out of earnings or retained earnings or dividends payable in Preferred Shares) or of subscription rights or warrants (other than those referred to above).

With certain exceptions, no adjustment in the Purchase Price will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% in such Purchase Price. No fractional Preferred Shares will be issued (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-hundredth of a Preferred Share, which may, at the election of the Company, be evidenced by depositary receipts) and in lieu thereof, an adjustment in cash will be made based on the market price of the Preferred Shares on the last trading day prior to the date of exercise.

The number of outstanding Rights and the number of one one-hundredths of a Preferred Share issuable upon exercise of each Right are also subject to adjustment in the event of a stock split of the Common Shares or a stock dividend on the Common Shares payable in Common Shares or subdivisions, consolidations or combinations of the Common Shares occurring, in any such case, prior to the Distribution Date.

Preferred Shares purchasable upon exercise of the Rights will not be redeemable. Each Preferred Share will be entitled to a minimum preferential quarterly dividend payment of \$1 per share but will be entitled to an aggregate dividend of 100 times the dividend declared per Common Share. In the event of liquidation, the holders of the Preferred Shares will be entitled to a minimum preferential liquidation payment of \$100 per share but will be entitled to an aggregate payment of 100 times the payment made per Common Share. Each Preferred Share will have 100 votes, voting together with the Common Shares. Finally, in the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which Common Shares are exchanged, each Preferred Share will be entitled to receive 100 times the amount received per Common Share. These rights are protected by customary antidilution provisions.

Because of the nature of the Preferred Shares' dividend, liquidation and voting rights, the value of the one one-hundredth interest in a Preferred Share purchasable upon exercise of each Right should approximate the value of one Common Share.

At any time prior to the acquisition by a person or group of affiliated or associated persons of beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the outstanding Common Shares, the Board of Directors of the Company may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$.01 per Right (the "Redemption Price"). The redemption of the Rights may be made effective at such time on such basis and with such conditions as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

The terms of the Rights may be amended by the Board of Directors of the Company without the consent of the holders of the Rights, including an amendment to lower certain thresholds described above to not less than the greater of (i) any percentage greater than the largest percentage of the outstanding Common Shares then known to the Company to be beneficially owned by any person or group of affiliated or associated persons and (ii) 10%, except that from and after such time as any person becomes an Acquiring Person no such amendment may adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Rights.

Until a Right is exercised, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

The Rights have certain anti-takeover effects. The Rights will cause substantial dilution to a person or group that attempts to acquire the Company on terms not approved by the Company's Board of Directors, except pursuant to an offer conditioned on a substantial number of Rights being acquired. The Rights should not interfere with any merger or other business combination approved by the Board of Directors since the Rights may be redeemed by the Company at the Redemption Price prior to the time that a person or group has acquired beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the Common Shares.

The foregoing description of the Rights is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Rights Agreement and the Amendment thereto which are Exhibits hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 2. Exhibits.

- Rights Agreement, dated as of June 30, 1988, between Avery Dennison Corporation (formerly known as Avery International Corporation) and First Interstate Bank of California (as successor to Security Pacific National Bank, by amendment) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1 of the Company's Form 8-A, dated July 8, 1988).
- Amendment to the Rights Agreement dated December
   1994 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1 of the Company's Form 8-K, dated December 14, 1994).

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 14, 1994

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION

By:/s/ Robert C. van Schoonenberg Robert C. van Schoonenberg Vice President General Counsel and Secretary