

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): August 14, 2002

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS (state or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-19319 (Commission File Number)	04-3039129 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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130 WAVERLY STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 444-6100

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2002 by Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated was accompanied by certifications by the company's principal executive officer, Joshua S. Boger, and principal financial officer, Ian F. Smith, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

A copy of the certifications is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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.

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED
(Registrant)

Date: August 14, 2002

/s/Ian F. Smith

Ian F. Smith

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002
(SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF SECTION 1350,
CHAPTER 63 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE)

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code), each of the undersigned officers of Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, a Massachusetts corporation (the "Company"), does hereby certify, to such officer's knowledge, that the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002 (the "Form 10-Q") of the Company fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: August 14, 2002

/s/ JOSHUA S. BOGER

Joshua S. Boger,
CHAIRMAN AND CEO
(PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

Dated: August 14, 2002

/s/ IAN F. SMITH

Ian F. Smith,
VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
(PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER)

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code) and is not being filed as part of a separate disclosure document.