

**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): **August 22, 2011**

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.)

130 Waverly Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 22, 2011, we announced that Health Canada has approved INCIVEK™ (telaprevir) tablets for a broad group of people with genotype 1 chronic hepatitis C with compensated liver disease, including cirrhosis. INCIVEK is approved in Canada for use in combination with pegylated-interferon and ribavirin, two other medicines approved to treat hepatitis C, and is indicated for people who are new to treatment, and for people who were treated previously but who did not achieve a sustained viral response. INCIVEK is approved in Canada for use in all three major groups of people who did not achieve a viral cure despite prior treatment including: relapsers, partial responders and null responders.

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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 22, 2011

/s/ Valerie L. Andrews
Valerie L. Andrews
Vice President and General Counsel

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