

CLOROX CO /DE/

Form 8-K

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): **January 15, 2003**

Commission file number: **1-07151**

**THE CLOROX COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-07151**

(Commission File  
Number)

**31-0595760**

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

**1221 Broadway, Oakland, California 94612-1888**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**(510) 271-7000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 4. CHANGES IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

On January 15, 2003, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company notified Ernst & Young LLP ("E&Y") that the Company intends to engage E&Y as the Company's independent auditors effective February 15, 2003, following the filing of the Company's Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2002.

The decision to change accountants was made by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.

During the Company's two most recent fiscal years and the subsequent interim period, neither the Company nor anyone on its behalf consulted E&Y regarding the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed; regarding the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements or regarding 'disagreements' (as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K) or any 'reportable events' (as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

THE CLOROX COMPANY

Date: January 22, 2003

By: /s/ Peter D. Bewley

Peter D. Bewley

Senior Vice President – General Counsel

and Secretary