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October 22, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
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Amendment No. 2 to  
FORM 8-A

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

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Ohio

34-0538550

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(State of Incorporation or Organization)

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(IRS Employer  
Identification no.)

Strawberry Lane, Orrville, Ohio

44667

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Zip Code)

If this form relates to the registration of a  
class of securities pursuant to Section  
12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective  
pursuant to General Instruction A.(c),  
please check the following box. [X]

If this form relates to the registration of  
class of securities pursuant to Section  
12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective  
pursuant to General Instruction A.(d),  
please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates

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(If applicable)

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

Title of Each Class  
to be so Registered  
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Name of Each Exchange on Which  
Each Class is to be Registered  
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Rights to Purchase Preferred Shares  
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New York Stock Exchange  
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Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

N/A

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Title of class

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ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED.  
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Effective as of October 9, 2001, the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of August 28, 2000 (the "Rights Agreement"), between The J. M. Smucker Company, an Ohio corporation (the "Company"), and Computershare Investors Services, LLC, as rights agent (the "Rights Agent"), was amended. The amendment made the provisions of the Rights Agreement inapplicable to the transactions contemplated by the Shareholders Agreement and Irrevocable Proxy, dated as of October 9, 2001, by and among The Procter & Gamble Company, an Ohio corporation, and those certain shareholders of the Company set forth on the signature pages thereto.

The foregoing summary description of the amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the amendment, a copy of which has been filed as an exhibit hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Copies of the Rights Agreement, and the related Summary of Rights, which is attached as Exhibit C to the Rights Agreement, are available free of charge from the Company.

ITEM 2. EXHIBITS.

| Exhibit<br>Number<br>----- | Exhibit<br>-----   |
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| 4.1                        | Amendment No. 1, dated as of October 9, 2001,<br>to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement. |

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, thereto duly authorized.

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

By: /s/ Steven J. Ellcessor

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Name: Steven J. Ellcessor  
Title: Vice President--  
Finance and Administration,  
Secretary and  
General Counsel

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Dated: October 22, 2001

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