

GILLETTE CO  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2004

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**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**

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**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 21, 2004**

THE GILLETTE COMPANY

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-922

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(Commission File Number)

04-1366970

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

PRUDENTIAL TOWER BUILDING, BOSTON, MA 02199

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 421-7000

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**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On October 21, 2004, the Board of Directors of The Gillette Company (the "Company") voted to amend Article XIII of the Company's Bylaws to increase the mandatory retirement age of directors from age 70 years to age 72 years. The amendment became effective as of October 21, 2004. A copy of the Company's Bylaws incorporating this amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit 3(ii).

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

3(ii) The Bylaws of The Gillette Company, as amended October 21, 2004, filed herewith.

**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.

THE GILLETTE COMPANY

By: /s/ William J. Mostyn III  
William J. Mostyn III  
Secretary

October 26, 2004

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number  
3(ii)

Description  
The Bylaws of The Gillette Company, as amended October 21, 2004