
**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 30, 2021

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-20355
(Commission
File No.)

91-1223280
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

999 Lake Drive
Issaquah, WA 98027
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 425-313-8100

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)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	COST	Nasdaq

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officer

Joseph Portera, Executive Vice President, Eastern & Canadian Divisions, is retiring from the Company. The Company expresses its deep gratitude to Mr. Portera for his thirty-plus years of service and numerous contributions to the Company's success. Mr. Portera's retirement will be effective January 30, 2022.

Yoram Rubananko, currently Senior Vice President and General Manager, Southeast Region, has been promoted to Executive Vice President, Northeast and Southeast Regions, effective September 27, 2021. Previously, Mr. Rubananko held various operational positions in the Company since 1988. He will report to President and Chief Executive Officer W. Craig Jelinek.

SIGNATURE

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, on September 3, 2021.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ John Sullivan

John Sullivan

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary