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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): July 13, 2021**

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**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**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**

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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<br>Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange<br>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. ☐

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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

The Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on the Company's common stock. The dividend of 79 cents per share declared on July 13, 2021, is payable August 13, 2021, to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 30, 2021.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is included in this report:

99.1. [Press release dated July 13, 2021.](#)

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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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 July 14, 2021.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti

Richard A. Galanti

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer