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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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) January 21, 2003

DELAWARE 1-2207 38-0471180

(State or other (Commission (I.R.S. Employer jurisdiction of File No.) Identification No.) DELAWARE incorporation of organization) 280 Park Avenue 10017 New York, NY _____ _____ (Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 451-3000 _____ _____ (Former name or former address, (Zip Code) if changed since last report)

Item 7. Exhibit

- (c) Exhibit
- 99.1 Press release dated January 21, 2003.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TRIARC COMPANIES, INC.

By:Stuart I. Rosen

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Stuart I. Rosen Senior Vice President and Secretary

Dated: January 21, 2003

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For Immediate Release

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TRIARC EXTENDS \$50 MILLION STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

New York, NY, January 21, 2003 — Triarc Companies, Inc. (NYSE: TRY) announced today that it has extended its current \$50 million Class A Common Stock repurchase program until January 18, 2004 and replenished the amount available under the program to permit Triarc to purchase up to \$50 million of Class A Common Stock on or after January 18, 2003. Under the existing program, Triarc has repurchased approximately 438,500 shares at an aggregate cost of approximately \$10.5 million. The \$10.5 million replenishment and 12 month extension will allow the Company to continue repurchasing Class A shares when and if market conditions warrant and to the extent legally permissible.

Commenting on the share repurchase program, Nelson Peltz, Triarc's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said: "We continue to carefully evaluate our options for the use of Triarc's significant cash and investment position. The extension of our share repurchase program will allow us to repurchase additional Triarc shares going forward. Our goal is to create value for our shareholders."

Over the last five years, Triarc has repurchased approximately \$180 million of its stock, including approximately 2.6 million Class A Common Shares for approximately \$51.1 million and all of the then outstanding approximately six million Class B Common Shares for approximately \$127 million.

Triarc currently has 20,391,770 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding.

Triarc is a holding company and through its subsidiaries, the franchisor of the Arby's(R) restaurant system and an operator of approximately 240 Arby's restaurants located in the United States.

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Note to Follow

Note

1. There can be no assurance that any share repurchases will be made in the future.