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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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
**February 19, 2004**

**Commission File Number: 0-21660**

**PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**61-1203323**  
(I.R.S. Employer identification  
number)

**2002 Papa Johns Boulevard  
Louisville, Kentucky 40299-2334**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(502) 261-7272**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On February 19, 2004, Papa John's International, Inc. announced that its Board of Directors has approved an increase to \$400 million in the amount of the company's common stock that may be repurchased by the company from time to time through December 26, 2004. The authorization includes both open market purchases as well as private transactions.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Papa John's International, Inc. press release dated February 19, 2004.

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: February 20, 2004

/s/ J. David Flanery  
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J. David Flanery  
Chief Financial Officer

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Papa John's Increases Stock  
Repurchase Authorization to \$400 Million**

Louisville, Kentucky (February 19, 2004) - Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) today announced that its Board of Directors has approved an increase to \$400 million in the amount of the company's common stock that may be repurchased by the company from time to time through December 26, 2004. The authorization includes both open market purchases as well as private transactions.

The company announced that to date it has repurchased \$373.5 million under the repurchase program. After such repurchases, the company has approximately 17.9 million shares of common stock outstanding on a fully diluted basis (approximately 17.6 million actual shares outstanding).

At January 25, 2004, there were 2,795 Papa John's restaurants (570 company-owned and 2,225 franchised) operating in 49 states and 16 international markets. Papa John's also franchises 134 Perfect Pizza restaurants in the United Kingdom. For more information about the company, visit Papa John's at <http://www.papajohns.com>.

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