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Form 8-K  
August 19, 2003

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

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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): August 18, 2003

Orthofix International N.V.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Netherlands Antilles (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-19961 Commission File Number	N/A (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
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7 Abraham de Veerstraat  
Curacao  
Netherlands Antilles  
011-59-99-465-8525  
(Address of principal executive offices and telephone number,  
including area code)  
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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.  
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On August 18, 2003, Orthofix International N.V. ("Orthofix") issued a press release announcing the settlement of a government investigation regarding off-label use of its external bone growth stimulator. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit  
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99.1 Press release of Orthofix International N.V. dated August 18, 2003

Signature

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

Dated: August 19, 2003

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ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N.V.

By: /s/ Thomas Hein

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Name: Thomas Hein

Title: Chief Financial Officer