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January 22, 2001

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): January 16, 2001

SYSCO CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-06544  
(Commission File Number)

74-1648137  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1390 Enclave Parkway Houston, Texas 77077-2099  
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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(281) 584-1390  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On January 16, 2001, SYSCO Corporation ("SYSCO") issued a press release regarding its acquisition of The Freedman Companies. SYSCO hereby incorporates by reference herein the information set forth in its Press Release dated January 16, 2001, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Except for the historical information contained in this report, the statements made by SYSCO are forward looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. All such statements are subject to the safe harbor created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. SYSCO's future financial performance could differ significantly from the expectations of management and from results expressed or implied in the Press Release. For further information on other risk factors, please refer to the "Risk Factors" contained in SYSCO's

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Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 1, 2000 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release dated January 16, 2001

SIGNATURES

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

SYSCO CORPORATION

Date: January 22 , 2001                      By: /s/ Michael C. Nichols  
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Name: Michael C. Nichols  
Title: Vice President and General Counsel

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