FORM 8-A

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	57-0981653
(State of incorporation	(I.R.S. Employer
or organization)	Identification No.)

200 Old Mill Road Mauldin, South Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)

29662 (Zip code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which
to be registered	each class is to be registered

Class A Common Stock New York Stock Exchange, Inc. par value \$0.01 per share

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. [X]

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. [

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates:

333-42643 (if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Not Applicable

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The description of the registrant's securities contained under the caption "Description of Capital Stock" is incorporated herein by reference to the preliminary prospectus dated as of February 16, 1998 filed as part of the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-42643), which prospectus was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on February 17, 1998.

Item 2. Exhibits.

The securities described in this registration statement are to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange"), on which no other securities of the registrant are listed. Accordingly, pursuant to the Instructions as to Exhibits on Form 8-A and the Phase Two Recommendations of Task Force on Disclosure Simplification, Exchange Act Release No. 38850 (Jul. 18, 1997), no exhibits to this registration statement are filed with the Commission or the Exchange.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.

Date: February 25, 1998

By: /s/ Bobby D. O'Brien

Bobby D. O'Brien, Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Accounting Officer