

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 13, 2011

**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): April 10, 2011**

**ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**000-27756**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**13-3648318**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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352 Knotter Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 272-2596

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- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.05 Amendments to the Registrant's Code of Ethics, or Waiver of a Provision of the Code of Ethics.**

On April 10, 2011, Alexion amended its Code of Ethics, now referred to as the Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Global Code of Conduct. The main purpose for amending the Code was to enhance the Code and clarify certain sections. Among other things, the amended Code includes changes to more fully address the conduct and expectations of third parties doing business with Alexion; expands the processes for reporting issues or concerns; provides additional detail regarding compliance with laws and regulations applicable to the pharmaceutical healthcare industry; expands the provisions regarding protection of confidential information and privacy; addresses compliance with international trade and export laws; provides additional detail and standards involving the maintenance of books and records; and makes various other changes to update information or improve the readability and clarity of the Code.

A copy of Alexion's Code of Conduct is attached as Exhibit 14.1 hereto and is also posted on Alexion's website at <http://ir.alexionpharm.com/governance.cfm>.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

14.1 Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Global Code of Conduct.

**Signature**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: April 13, 2011

By: /s/ Michael V. Greco

Name: Michael V. Greco

Title: Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary