

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One): Form 10-K Form 11-K 20-F 10-Q

Form N-SAR
For Period Ended: December 31, 1996

Transition Report on Form 10-K Transition Report on Form 10-Q
 Transition Report on Form 20-F Transition Report on Form N-SAR
 Transition Report on Form 11-K

For the Transition Period Ended: 12/31/96

Read attached instruction sheet before preparing form. Please print or type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the item(s) to which the notification relates: _____

PART I
REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Full name of registrant: STERIS Corporation 401K Plan and Trust
Former name if applicable: N/A
Address of principal executive office (Street and number)
5960 Heisley Road
City, state and zip code: Mentor, Ohio 44060

PART II
RULE 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check appropriate box.)

(a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;

- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, 20-F, 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the 15th calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report to transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III
NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Form 10-K, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR or the transition report portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach extra sheets if needed.)

During the fiscal year to be reported, STERIS Corporation ("STERIS") and AMSCO International, Inc. ("AMSCO") completed a merger transaction whereby AMSCO became a wholly owned subsidiary of STERIS. In connection with this merger transaction, the AMSCO 401(k) Tax Deferred Savings Plan was merged into the STERIS 401K Plan and Trust (the "Plan"). Accordingly, administrative expense and delay has resulted in the Plan requiring additional time to file its annual report.

PART IV
OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Laura L. Weien
(216) 354-2600

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

STERIS Corporation 401K Plan and Trust
(Name of Registrant)

Has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date July 1, 1997 By: /s/ Laura L. Weien

Instruction. The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).