

SANOFI-AVENTIS  
Form 6-K  
July 31, 2006  
UNITED STATES

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16**

**UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of July 2006

Commission File Number: 001-31368

**SANOFI-AVENTIS**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

174, avenue de France, 75013 Paris, FRANCE

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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On July 28 2006, sanofi-aventis issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 which is incorporated herein by reference. In connection with the investigation referred to in the attached release, sanofi-aventis has received grand jury subpoenas seeking the production of documents. Sanofi-aventis intends to provide all information required in response to this investigation.

**Exhibit List**

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| Exhibit 99.1       | Press Release dated July 28, 2006: Plavix® litigation settlement fails to receive antitrust clearance from state attorneys general |

SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: July 31, 2006

SANOFI-AVENTIS

By: /s/ Patricia Kodyra  
Name: Patricia Kodyra  
Title: Associate Vice President  
Financial and Securities Law

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