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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
Dated December 19, 2002

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of December 19, 2002

Commission File Number 001-15244

CREDIT SUISSE GROUP

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Paradeplatz 8, P.O. Box 1, CH-8070 Zurich, Switzerland

(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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CSFB REACHES AGREEMENT WITH THE UK'S FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

RELATING TO CSFP'S ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN IN 1995-1998

LONDON, DECEMBER 19, 2002 - Credit Suisse First Boston has reached an agreement with the UK's Financial Services Authority (FSA) resolving the FSA's investigation into Credit Suisse Financial Product's activities in Japan from 1995-1998. The FSA found that Credit Suisse Financial Products violated certain UK regulatory rules. CSFB has accepted these findings and agreed to pay a fine.

As CSFB has previously acknowledged, certain former employees failed to act in an open and cooperative manner towards the Japanese authorities. The actions of these former employees were an aberration and contrary to the high standards expected of them by the Firm. The individuals concerned are no longer with the

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Firm.

As the FSA acknowledged in its statement today, the extensive organizational, personnel and structural changes implemented by CSFB's new management have significantly improved the Firm's controls and compliance culture. CSFB takes its regulatory responsibilities very seriously and will not tolerate improper behaviour by its employees in their dealings with the Firm's regulators.

Gary Lynch, Vice Chairman and General Counsel of CSFB, said, "We are pleased to resolve this matter and put it behind us. During the past eighteen months, CSFB has focused on establishing a strong control-oriented franchise with a compliance program that reflects the best practices in the industry. We are working to build a Firm-wide culture that demands the highest ethical and professional standards of all of our employees."

Credit Suisse Group, which has been operating in Japan for more than twenty years, remains committed to the Japanese market.

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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.

CREDIT SUISSE GROUP
----(Registrant)

Date December 19, 2002

By: /s/ David Frick

(Signature)* Managing Director

*Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

/s/ Karin Rhomberg Hug Managing Director