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> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

> > SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 4)*

Ionics Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

462218108 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: [X] Rule 13d-1(b) [] Rule 13d-1(c) [] Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			
11	PERCENT	OF C	CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Amendment No. 4

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Ionics Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 65 Grove Street Watertown, MA 02472

Item 2(a) Name of Person(s) Filing: Capital Group International, Inc.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: 11100 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025

Item 2(c) Citizenship: N/A

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number.: 462218108

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to sections 240.13d-1(b)
or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
 (g) [X] A parent holding company or control person in
 accordance with section 240.13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (G).

Item 4 Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

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(a) Amount beneficially owned:

- (b) Percent of class:
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

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- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

N/A

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class. If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: [X]

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- Item 6 $$\operatorname{Ownership}$ of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person: N/A
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.: N/A
- Item 8 $$\rm Identification$ and Classification of Members of the Group: $$\rm N/A$$
- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A
- Item 10 Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 10, 2003

Signature: *David I. Fisher Name/Title: David I. Fisher, Chairman Capital Group International, Inc.

*By /s/ Michael J. Downer Michael J. Downer Attorney-in-fact

> Signed pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated January 30, 2003 included as an Exhibit to Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Capital Group International, Inc. on February 10, 2003 with respect to Acclaim Entertainment Inc

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