

SANOFI SYNTHELABO SA

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM F-4
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Sanofi-Synthélabo

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant name into English)

Republic of France
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

2834
(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

133529324
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public: As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective and all other conditions to the consummation of the transaction described herein have been satisfied or waived.

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Proposed

Title of each class of