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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO (Rule 13e-4)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (Amendment No.)

CARNIVAL CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

CARNIVAL CORPORATION

(Name of Filing Persons (Offeror))

Liquid Yield Option Notestm due 2021 (Title of Class of Securities)

143658 AQ5 and 143658 AS1 (CUSIP Numbers of Class of Securities)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*

Amount Of Filing Fee**

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\$221,278,381

\$23,677

- * Calculated solely for purposes of determining the filing fee. The purchase price of the Liquid Yield Option Notestm due 2021, as described herein, is \$572.76 per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity outstanding. As of September 21, 2006, there was approximately \$386,337,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity outstanding, resulting in an aggregate maximum purchase price of \$221,278,381.
- ** The amount of the filing fee was calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and equals \$107.00 for each \$1,000,000 of the value of the transaction.
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Amount Previously Paid:	Not applicable.	Filing Party:	Not applicable.
Form or Registration No.:	Not applicable.	Date Filed:	Not applicable.

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- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3 0
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2 0

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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO-I (Schedule TO-I) is filed by Carnival Corporation, a company organized under the laws of the Republic of Panama (the Company) and relates to the offer to purchase the Liquid Yield Option Notestm due 2021 issued by the Company on October 24, 2006 (the Securities), which are subject to a guarantee pursuant to the Carnival plc (formerly P&O Princess Cruises plc) Deed of Guarantee, dated as of April 17, 2003, between Carnival Corporation and Carnival plc, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Indenture (as defined below), the Company Notice, dated September 25, 2006 (the Company Notice), and the related offer materials filed as Exhibits (a)(1)(B) to (d)(2) to this Schedule TO-I (which Company Notice and related offer materials, as amended or supplemented from time to time, collectively constitute the Option). The Securities were issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated April 25, 2001, by and among the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (formerly U.S. Bank Trust National Association), as Trustee (Trustee), as amended by the Second Supplemental Indenture (the First Supplemental Indenture).

The Option will expire at midnight, New York City time, on October 24, 2006. This Schedule TO-I is intended to satisfy the disclosure requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act).

Items 1 through 8.

The Company is the issuer of the Securities and is offering to purchase all of the Securities pursuant to the terms of the Indenture. The payment and performance of all obligations of the Company under the Indenture and the Securities are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Carnival plc. The Securities are convertible into common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the Common Stock). The address and telephone number of Carnival Corporation is Carnival Place, 3655 N.W. 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33178-2428, U.S.A., (305) 599-2600. The address and telephone number of Carnival plc is Carnival House, 5 Gainsford Street, London, SE1 2NE, UK, 44 (0) 20 7940 5381. As permitted by General Instruction F to Schedule TO, all of the information set forth in the Company Notice is incorporated by reference into this Schedule TO-I.

Item 9.

Not applicable.

Item 10.

(a) The Company believes that its financial condition is not material to a Security holder s decision whether to put the Securities to the Company because the consideration being paid to holders surrendering Securities consists solely of cash, the Option is not subject to any financing conditions, the Option applies to all outstanding Securities and the Company is a public reporting company that files reports with the SEC electronically on EDGAR.

(b) Not applicable.

Item 11.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.

Item 12. Exhibits

- (a)(1)(A) Company Notice to Holders of Carnival Corporation Liquid Yield Option. Notestm due 2021, dated September 25, 2006 (filed herewith).
- (a)(1)(B) Form of Purchase Notice (filed herewith).
- (a)(1)(C) Form of Notice of Withdrawal (filed herewith).
- (a)(1)(D) Substitute Form W-9 (filed herewith).

- (b) Facilities Agreement, dated October 21, 2005, by and among Carnival Corporation, Carnival plc, Royal Bank of Scotland plc, and various other lenders, incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 10.3 to the joint Annual Report of the Company and Carnival plc on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2005, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 9, 2006.
- (d)(1) Indenture, dated April 25, 2001 between Carnival Corporation and U.S. Bank Trust National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-74190), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 29, 2001).
- (d)(2) Second Supplemental Indenture, dated October 24, 2001 between Carnival Corporation and U.S. Bank Trust National Association incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-74190), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 29, 2001).
- (d)(3) Carnival plc (formerly P&O Princess Cruises plc) Deed of Guarantee, dated as of April 17, 2003, between Carnival Corporation and Carnival plc, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.10 to the joint registration statement on Form S-3 and F-3 of Carnival Corporation, Carnival plc and P&O Princess Cruises International Ltd. (File No. 333-106293), as filed with the Securities and Commission on June 19, 2003.
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Not applicable.

Item 13.

Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

After due 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.

Carnival Corporation

Name: Arnaldo Perez

By: /s/ Arnaldo Perez

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: September 25, 2006

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Description

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