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A weekly update of issues affecting international mail deliveries

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Country	Date Of Issue	Postal Impact H,M,L	Summary and Cause of Issue
Austria	12 Dec.	H	Austria's post offices were partially closed on 10 December, as postal workers protested plans to downsize the mail service. Employees at around 80 branches were on strike, but Oesterreichische Post AG said that mail delivery was not affected.
Canada	26 Dec.	H	Mail delays due to the postal strike begun on 17 November will begin to resolve on 23 December as a contract was ratified by striking postal workers to accept a four-year deal proposed by Canada Post.
France	13 Feb.	M	Paris has temporarily closed its two international airports for the first time in 34 years as a powerful storm lashed France. All flights to and from Charles de Gaulle (Roissy) and Orly have been cancelled from 8:00pm on 9 February until 10:00am on 10 February.
	30 Jan.	H	A 24-hour strike disrupted French public services on 29 January as hundreds of thousands of workers protested against President Nicolas Sarkozy's handling of the economic crisis. Officials said that more than a quarter of postal workers joined the strike.
India	19 Dec.	H	Postal services in Calcutta came to a halt on 16 December following a strike called after employees of Gram Dak Sebak (GDS) were debarred from certain benefits like pension, dearness allowances (DA) and monthly bonus.