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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
Belgium	6 Mar.	H	Thousands of Belgian postal workers held a three-day strike beginning on 2 March to protest working conditions and the threat of job losses. Postal unions held a demonstration through the capital Brussels on 2 March.
France	20 Mar.	H	Postal services in France will again be seriously disrupted on 20 March due to a nationwide strike in a number of key industries. Postal unions are using the strike to renew their criticism of the planned restructuring of La Poste into a limited company.
Italy	17 Apr.	H	International postal operations (letter post, parcels and EMS items) have been gradually restored in the area affected by the earthquake in central Italy. Postal service is being provided by 11 mobile post offices installed on trucks, and officials will reopen the local post offices considered safe in L'Aquila and in other villages with postcodes 67000–67999.
	10 Apr.	H	Poste Italiane advises that, owing to the earthquake in central Italy on 6 April, all inward and outward international postal operations are currently suspended in the affected area, which covers the city of L'Aquila and many villages in postcode range 67000-67999.