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Country	Date Of Issue	Postal Impact H,M,L	Summary and Cause of Issue
Australia	14 Aug.	H	Australia Post employees who are members of the Communications Electrical & Plumbing Union (CEPU) will impose work bans after the failure of negotiations for a new collective agreement. The industrial action will include bans on the collection, sorting and delivery of mail.
Brazil	18 Sep.	H	Brazilian postal workers kicked off a nationwide strike 16 September as government officials scrambled to prepare a new wage offer. The striking locals cover about 70% of the nation's 110,000 postal workers and the strike was set to last indefinitely.
France	25 Sep.	H	Thousands of post office workers across France joined the National day of Protest and went on strike on 22 September to protest job cuts and government plans to convert the organisation into a publicly owned limited company.
	28 Aug.	H	Five trade unions of French postal operator La Poste called for a national day of strikes and marches on September 22, in protest against the change of La Poste's legal status into public limited company.
Nigeria	24 Jul.	H	Workers of Nigeria's Post (NIPOST) embarked on an indefinite nationwide strike to press their demand for the payment of monetisation arrears. Across the country, the gates of post offices in different states were closed by security guards as workers in the organisation stayed away.
South Africa	11 Sep.	H	Postal workers in South Africa have ended the nationwide industrial action on 9 September.
	21 Aug.	H	Postal workers in South Africa embarked on nationwide industrial action beginning 20 August. At this stage, it is not known how long the industrial action will continue.
United Kingdom	18 Sep.	H	The rolling industrial actions continue this week with 24 hour stoppages concentrated in Cambridgeshire on 14 September, followed by Middlesbrough on 15 September and then London on Wednesday 16 September.
	28 Aug.	H	Britain's postal network will be hit by a fresh wave of walkouts next week when thousands more Royal Mail workers go on strike. Postal workers from Bognor Regis, the Isle of Wight and Greater Manchester will join those in Bristol, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Middlesbrough and other offices in a series of 24-hour strikes. It will be the third consecutive week in which the service has been hit by strikes.
	28 Aug.	H	Another wave of rolling 24-hour strikes will be conducted by Postal Workers in the UK this week. Strikes this week will hit Skegness and Huntingdon on 24 August, Rochdale on 25 August, Birmingham, Coventry, London, Essex, Peterborough, Cambridge, Bristol, Leeds and Bridgend on 27 August, London, Stirling and Edinburgh on 28 August and Middlesbrough, London and the Isle of Wight on 29 August.
	21 Aug.	H	Postal Workers in the United Kingdom continued their 24-hour rolling strikes. The series of 24-hour strikes this week will hit places including London 17 August, Essex and Bristol on 19 August and Peterborough on 20 August.
	14 Aug.	H	Rolling Industrial action continued in the UK as 12,000 postal workers in London staged a 24-hour strike on 12 August. A similar action was held in Bristol on 13 August, and a 24-hour walk out was held in Basildon and Essex on 14 August.
	14 Aug	H	Postal workers in London, Coventry, Northampton, Peterborough and Birmingham held a 24-hour strike on 7 August, with Edinburgh, Bristol and Peterborough again to follow on 8 August; East Anglia on 10 August; and Stoke-on-Trent on 11 August. The Communication Workers' Union said it will hold a vote on a national strike, and that it has offered a no-strike deal in return for talks on a "sustainable future" for the Royal Mail.
	7 Aug.	H	The Communication Workers Union (CWU) has said that more than 25,000 postal workers will stage a series of strikes on 7,8,10 August in their continuing dispute over pay and jobs. London and Scotland have already witnessed stoppages in recent weeks. On 7 August drivers based in Birmingham, Coventry, Essex and London will stage a 24-hour strike, and postal workers in Bristol, Somerset and Edinburgh will take a 24-hour action on 8 August. The 24-hour work stoppages will spread to Suffolk on 10 August

	31 Jul.	H	Some 12,000 employees of Britain's Royal Mail began a three-days of strike action on 25 July followed by collections staff on July 28 and workers at mail sorting centres on July 29. to protest against job and pay cuts, in the second walkout by postal employees in two weeks.
	17 Jul.	H	More than 12,000 postal workers are to strike on Friday 17 July in a worsening row over jobs, pay and services. The Communication Workers Union said members in cities including London, Edinburgh Bristol and Plymouth would walk out for 24 hours.
	10 Jul	H	Thousands of postal workers in London began three days of strikes on 8 July in an escalating row over jobs, pay and cuts. Communication Workers Union chiefs and Royal Mail management remain at loggerheads with no sign of an end to the long conflict. Each blames the other for the dispute. Postmen and women walk out on 7/8, distribution and logistics staff on 7/9 and mail centres on 7/10. Post Offices and Parcelforce Worldwide services were not affected.