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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.
	28 Nov.	H	Canada Post confirmed that the labour disruption that began November 17 by the Union of Communications Employees (UPCE) continues to have minimal impact on Canada Post's customers. Over 250 million pieces of mail have been delivered since the strike began. Although there have been some transportation delays, Canada Post is taking any and all necessary action to meet its commitment to Canadians that mail will be delivered throughout this disruption.
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.
Thailand	5 Dec.	H	Thai antigovernment protesters reversed themselves on 2 December, saying they will allow Bangkok's main international airport to reopen. The decision comes after the country's Constitutional Court dissolved three of the ruling coalition parties. The Airport Authority stated that the airport will reopen once a thorough inspection of the entire airport is made and all stranded passengers are screened again.
	28 Nov.	H	Thailand Post has advised that due to political unrest in Thailand the Airport Authority of Thailand has cancelled all inbound and outbound international flights, from Wednesday, 26 November. They further advise that this situation will obviously cause delays in mail processing and delivery until the political unrest is settled.