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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 |
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| 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. |
| 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. |