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Country	Date Of Issue	Postal Impact H,M,L	Summary and Cause of Issue
United Kingdom	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.
	19 Jun	H	Thousands of postal workers across London joined a 24-hour strike on 19 June. Collection and delivery services suffered disruption but post offices remained open. Further strikes have not been ruled out. However, workers at the three largest offices in London Mount Pleasant, South London and the West End turned up for work. Royal Mail said deliveries took place across a wide area of central London.
	29 May	H	Postal workers in London have voted overwhelmingly in favor of strike action in a row over jobs, threatening huge disruption to mail deliveries. The Communication Workers Union said its members in the capital backed industrial action by 9-1, although officials held back from naming any strike dates. The union is in dispute with the Royal Mail over jobs and conditions, claiming that services are being hit by "arbitrary" cuts.