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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.
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	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	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.
	24 Jul.	H	Postal workers in London plan three more days of strikes with Delivery workers planning to walk out on July 25, followed by collections staff on July 27 and workers at mail sorting centres on July 28.
	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.