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Canada Post Strike Possible as Early as May 25th

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The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) said in a statement yesterday that preparations are being made for a walkout since the CUPW and Canada Post negotiators have been unable to reach a deal regarding several key issues, including such things as salary reductions for new employees sick plan changes. At midnight next Tuesday the CUPW can exercise its right to strike and Canada Post could exercise its right to lock out workers. In either case, both sides are required to provide three days notice of the intention to strike or lockout.

The CUPW and Canada Post have been in ongoing mediation with the goal of reaching a collective agreement. Canada Post has indicated that they remain optimistic that a negotiated settlement can be reached as has been the case in each round of collective bargaining with the CUPW since 1997. However, if no agreement is reached, roughly 48,000 mail carriers and inside postal workers could be on strike as early as next Wednesday, May 25th.

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In the event of a strike, Brokers Worldwide will continue to collect and process Canada-bound mail from our customers. However, delivery throughout Canada will be on hold until the strike is resolved. Brokers Worldwide is working closely with the US Postal Service to monitor this situation, and will provide our customers with updates as they become available.

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