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Canada Post Potential Strike Update

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As previously reported, The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) provided Canada Post 72 hours notice of their right to strike in a meeting on Monday morning. While negotiations are still ongoing, please see below for an update we just received from the USPS:

Canada Possible Strike Plan of Action

We have been conducting daily telecons with Canada Post leadership. As of today, there is no certainty as to how a potential strike will unfold. Based on the information at hand, the following are potential situations and actions.

Strike scenarios:

- The union indicated they may be striking and gave Canada Post 72 hours notice prior to moving forward with a strike on Monday morning, May 30, 2011. Therefore, the earliest they can strike is 23:59 June 2, 2011 (Thursday night).
- Even though notice is given, this does not mean they have to go through with the strike.
- Notifying a strike situation does not indicate the location of the strike. It could be national, localized, or begin at one location and roll throughout Canada as the strike progresses.

Communication:

- Tuesday - Saturday May 31st – June 4, daily telecons between USPS and Canada Post management to evaluate strike impacts and potential duration. Subsequent communication will continue should the strike take place.

ISC Operational/transportation planning

- On Thursday, June 2 mail will be processed through the ISC's and forwarded to Canada as quickly as possible. All Canada mail that arrives after a strike begins will be processed and held pending outcome of the strike occurrence.
- If there is a full national strike, USPS will stop accepting mail two business days after a strike begins.
- In the case of a regional strike action, Canada mail may be re-routed to unaffected strike areas for processing and delivery. (Approval pending from Canada Post)
- Once the strike ends, all available International Express Mail to Canada will be loaded and transported first, followed by all other package and letter-class mail.
- Any mail that is already in Canada will be held by Canada Post, not returned to the USPS and will be delivered at the conclusion of the strike.

Brokers Worldwide continues to work closely with the US Postal Service to monitor this situation, and will provide our customers with updates as they become available.

Regards,
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