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Royal Mail Update: 2nd 24-Hour Strike Over
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The Royal Mail announced yesterday that the 24-hour strike by postal workers had ended, and they are now working hard to get back to normal as quickly as possible. As with the previous strike, the Royal Mail is dealing with the backlog of mail in date order, which may affect services in the next few days. Brokers Worldwide will continue to collect UK-bound mail from our customers. Although the mail will reach the UK in the same amount of time as before, mail services within the UK will be subject to delay.

The Communication Workers Union (“CWU”) have announced a 24-hour strike in Northern Ireland only, beginning at 7:00pm on Sunday, July 22nd and continuing through Monday, July 23rd. The CWU’s position regarding further strike action in the rest of the UK is unclear; however, the CWU must give at least seven days notice of any further action. The Royal Mail continues to report that they have well-developed contingency plans that will be put in place in the event of further strike action, and they will do everything possible to minimize the impact.

The CWU also took strike action at all Crown Post Offices in the Post Office Network on Monday, July 16th, between 2:30pm and 7:00pm, and have announced additional strike action for Thursday, July 19th between 6:00am and 12:00 noon. The Royal Mail has pointed out that this action does not affect the 14,000 plus sub-post offices nationwide.

Brokers Worldwide will continue to monitor this situation, and will provide our customers with updates as they become available.

Regards,
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