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Royal Mail Update: Two Weeks of Strike Action Begin *July 26, 2007*

As mentioned in a previous *NewsFlash*, the Communication Workers Union (“CWU”) announced a series of strikes over the two-week period beginning at 7:00pm on Wednesday, July 25th, and ending at 12 noon on Wednesday, August 8th. The strike action, which began yesterday, is not taking place on a National basis, but at different Royal Mail sites at different times across the country.

According to the Royal Mail, for the week beginning Monday, July 23rd, the impact of the strike action will be as follows:

- The Royal Mail anticipates that the majority of Mail Centers will be on official strike on Thursday, July 26th.
- Some Delivery Offices that are co-located with a Mail Center may also be on strike on July 26th.
- There will be limited delivery services on Saturday, July 28th.
- Most of the Royal Mail’s special delivery services will remain unaffected for the most part; however, all other mail services will be subject to delay.
- This strike action does not affect Royal Mail's operations in Northern Ireland.

According to the Royal Mail, for the week beginning Monday, July 30th, the impact of the strike action will be as follows:

- The Royal Mail anticipates that all Mail Centers (including offices in Northern Ireland) will be on official strike on Tuesday, July 31st.
- There will be limited delivery services on Thursday, August 2nd.
- Most of the Royal Mail’s special delivery services will remain unaffected for the most part; however, all other mail services will be subject to delay.

The Royal Mail has developed contingency plans designed to reduce the effect of the strikes and keep disruption to a minimum. Royal Mail Managers will be volunteering to help keep as much of the service operating as possible.

Strike Action at Crown Post Offices

The Royal Mail has also reported separately that the CWU have announced strike action at all Crown Post Offices in the Post Office Network, on Friday, July 27th, between 2:30pm and 7:00pm, and on Tuesday, July 31st, between 2:30pm and 7:00pm. Please note, this action does not affect the 14,000 plus sub-post offices nationwide.

Brokers Worldwide Customers

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

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