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Brazil Postal Strike Update

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Postal workers in Brazil continue their strike action which has been ongoing since September 14th. While the proportion of workers participating in the action has decreased to a fifth of the work force (from one third at the start), Brazil's Post and Telegraph Company (ECT) has had to mobilize additional workers and increase overtime in order to reduce delivery delays.

Postal management reported that they have exhausted all direct attempts to negotiate with the union over a new collective bargaining agreement that would affect about 60% of the 110,000 work force. ECT is now taking its dispute with national postal union Fentect to the Superior Labor Court for a judicial mediation where the Post and its employees will have another opportunity to finalize an agreement in a conciliation hearing with judicial mediation.

Brokers Worldwide continues to accept, process and deliver mail to Brazil; however, delivery delays can be expected as a result of the limited workforce due to the strike. Brokers Worldwide will continue to monitor this situation and will provide our customers with updates as they become available.

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