

## **BROKERS WORLDWIDE NEWSFLASH**

### **Royal Mail: Strikes Continue as Planned**

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Despite talks which took place over the weekend between the Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union (“CWU”), the 48-hour strike scheduled to start on October 8<sup>th</sup> began as planned at 3:00am yesterday. This weekend’s talks regarding pay, pensions and job cuts ended without a resolution, resulting in yet another walkout by roughly 130,000 postal workers.

A similar 48-hour strike took place last week and ended at 12:00pm on Saturday. Last week’s strike caused a major backlog of mail across the UK, and resulted in an estimated 100 million letters and parcels stacked up in sorting offices around the country.

As previously reported, in addition to the two 48-hour strikes, the CWU has announced that they will also start a rolling program of strikes beginning on October 15th and continuing weekly until the dispute is resolved.

Separately, UNITE, The National Federation of Royal Mail & BT Pensioners, previously indicated that its 12,000 members working as managers in the postal service were set to vote on whether or not to take industrial action in a dispute over pensions. This dispute has since been settled as a deal regarding pay, modernization and pension reform was reached between the Royal Mail and 12,000 of its managers.

### **Brokers Worldwide Customers**

During the strikes, 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, as the Royal Mail will handle the backlog in date order. Brokers Worldwide will continue to monitor this situation, and will provide our customers with updates as they become available.

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