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Royal Mail Update: CWU Members Balloted
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The Communication Workers Union's ("CWU") postal executive previously endorsed a deal with the Royal Mail meant to end the recent strike action over pay, working practices and job losses. This past Friday, the CWU sent ballot papers to its 130,000 members to vote on whether to accept the deal. The ballot will close on November 27th, with the result announced soon afterwards.

Currently, there is no Royal Mail strike action taking place. The Royal Mail has reported that, with the exception of London and Liverpool, most of the mail backlog has now been cleared. As before, the backlog is being cleared in the order in which it was received, although different types of mail are being cleared at different rates. According to the Royal Mail, 12,000 management volunteers and operational colleagues, who did not take part in the recent strike action, prioritized the processing of standard letter size mail and delivering Special Delivery items. As a result, there is a larger build-up of other types of mail, including packets.

Brokers Worldwide will continue to monitor this situation, and will let our customers know the results of the CWU member ballot as soon as possible.

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