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A weekly update of issues affecting international mail deliveries

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Country	Date Of Issue	Postal Impact H,M,L	Summary and Cause of Issue
Belgium	23 Dec.	H	Angry public sector workers protesting pension reforms shut down Belgium's schools, post offices and almost its entire transport grid on 22 December in the latest anti-austerity protest to grip Europe.
El Salvador	2 Dec.	M	Customs officials in El Salvador have been striking since 28th November; delays are likely for both inbound and outbound mail to and from El Salvador.
Greece	2 Dec.	H	A 24 hour general strike on 1 December by the Confederation of the Greek Workers and the Association of the Civil Servants affected international mail to and from Greece.
Iceland	13 Jan.	H	Iceland Post informs that due to a major snow storm on 10 January there are severe delays in mail distribution and transport of mail in Iceland. Domestic transport in the country has been cancelled or delayed.
Kenya	30 Dec.	H	Kenyan postal workers held a national strike from 16-23 December 2011 halting mail services in the country during the strike.
Nigeria	20 Jan.	H	Nigerian Postal Workers held a strike from 6 to 16 January halting postal services in the country during that period.
Portugal	25 Nov.	H	A general strike against the government's spending cuts on 24 November brought postal services to a halt.
Russia	16 Dec.	H	More than half the international parcels and small packages entering Russia are violating customs procedures and regulations, according to Russian Post. Russia is receiving significant dutiable mail that is unlabeled and without a customs declaration or that is not fully filled and contains errors causing customs clearance delays, and causing delays in the timely delivery of these items.
Uruguay	2 Dec.	M	The staff of Uruguay's National Customs Directorate began industrial action on 1 December which will affect the processing of international mail.