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Dear colleagues,

Public and Commercial Services Union strike on 8th and 9th March

I am writing to assure you that we have arrangements in place to continue to maintain border control during the Public and Commercial Services (PCS) Union strike on 8th and 9th March.

The strike will affect UK Border Agency staff within the UK and at juxtaposed controls in Calais and Dunkerque. We have a contingency plan in place to enable us to manage the impact, while continuing to provide effective border control during the strike.

We are not advising customers to avoid travelling. We will be doing as much as we can to make them aware of possible delays and keep them informed. There will be posters displayed in prominent places, supplemented with tannoy announcements where possible. We have also asked port operators and carriers to help give information and advice that will help customers as they go through controls on those days.

We will publish up to date information about the situation online at www.ukba.homeoffice.gsi.gov/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/255022/23-industrial-action later today.

Yours sincerely

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