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Market Report week 10/2009

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 09/2009:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	135,90	134,00	137,00	142,10	140,20
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	142,00	139,50	140,50	134,50	142,00
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	126,50	123,20	124,00	127,00	126,50
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	169,40	168,95	170,95	171,25	168,90
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	136,90	136,20	138,20	138,65	136,85
Development of EUR/USD during week 09/2009:							
USD Fix			1,2817	1,2750	1,2734	1,2755	1,2650

(TOCOM RSS 3 - 6. month closing , SICOM RSS 3 & TSR 20 – 1st pos. settlement, MRE SMR CV & SMR 20 – closing quotation)

Apart from TOCOM markets held the levels of the previous week. Only TOCOM firmed by abt. 4 % , mainly caused by the weak YEN against the USD.

China will start from 02.03. onwards to fill up the strategic stock to abt. 55.000 mt until August by buying material from local processors. Also Thailand intends to buy material from local small holders in the short-term. Due to the bad news from USA and Europe it is doubtful that this support-measures can be successful in the middle and long-term.

The wintering in South-East-Asia has fully started now, maybe luckily for the producers, as the demand is sluggish from US and Europe apart from some chinese buying.

On February, 23rd the *China's General Administration of Customs* released the latest import-data for NR. In January the imports dropped abt. 65.4% to 59,192 mt year on year. In December the decline was already 46.2%.

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