

Market Report week 12/2016

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for natural rubber in week of December week of March, 14th:

	QUALITY	PRICE	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	YEN/kg	171,60	167,70	170,50	175,60	178,90
SGX	RSS 3	USC/kg	139,90	138,00	141,00	146,30	148,50
SGX	TSR 20	USC/kg	124,10	123,00	125,60	130,20	130,50
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	151,85	151,80	154,00	159,70	163,00
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	123,80	122,40	125,30	129,50	133,75

Development of EUR/USD and BRENT crude oil during week of March, 14th:

EUR/USD Fix		1,1115	1,1090	1,1087	1,1314	1,1280
USD/JPY Fix		113,6510	113,0800	113,5000	110,9100	111,4300
Oil/BRT	USD/Barrel	39,60	38,50	39,35	40,70	42,15

(TOCOM RSS 3: 6th month closing, SGX RSS 3 & TSR 20: 1st pos. settlement, MRE SMR CV & SMR 20: closing quotation)

The markets presented itself for the time being in a stable condition. The downward corrections during the week before the last week, were already compensated in the past week. TOCOM RSS 3 moved up by 5,9 % during the course of the week, SGX RSS 3 increased by 6,0 % , while SGX TSR 20 gained 4,9%. The EURO strengthened during the week by abt. 1,6 % against the greenback. While demand is moderate , mainly wintering affects the prices as supply is significantly reduced. The Tripartite , consisting of Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia is confident that the current measures to reduce the export will be successful. Even Vietnam is participating and announced as well to cut the export this year. The income of small holders recently became so low, that to continue tapping of rubber trees made no sense for many of them anymore. Therefore In the next coming weeks we see only a small potential for the markets to drop.

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Abbreviations:

RSS3 = Ribbed Smoked Sheets 3
TSR 20 = Technically Specified Rubber 20
SMR = Standard Malaysian Rubber

TOCOM = Tokyo Commodity Exchange
SGX = Singapore Exchange
MRE = Malaysian rubber Exchange
BRT = crude oil "BRENT"