

Market Report week 06/2017

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for natural rubber week 5/2017:

	QUALITY	PRICE	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	YEN/kg	351,40	331,30	315,50	310,10	301,00
SGX	RSS 3	USC/kg	Holiday	285,00	285,50	285,60	275,00
SGX	TSR 20	USC/kg	Holiday	227,50	229,00	229,00	222,40
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	Holiday	231,25	Holiday	278,10	273,90
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	Holiday	230,80	Holiday	230,40	228,00

Development of EUR/USD and BRENT crude oil during week 5/2017:

EUR/USD Fix		1,0691	1,0706	1,0803	1,0806	1,0734
USD/JPY Fix		114,6475	113,8910	113,2935	112,4350	113,1285
Oil/BRT	USD/Barrel	55,00	55,43	56,05	57,32	56,74

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

What a week.... On the one hand, our Asian colleagues have celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Rooster and distanced themselves from the market. Hardly a physical offer has flown into the house. An almost winter sleep prevails in Europe and USA.

On the other side, Tocom is skyrocketing the market. One would say, without reason, but perhaps also on investors help, who were inspired by promised investments and positive economic outlook. Sicom then followed Tocom's predetermined course on Tuesday.

Thailand scheduled the second auction for 100.000t natural rubber from state stockpiles on Feb 14

The long-lasting rains stopped finally, water flows and plantation dries slowly. Farmers could return to the usual tapping. Isolated rainfall forecast in lower part of southern Thailand.

Thai rubber shortage may persist through first half year; Vietnam rubber exports seen rising 8,1% y/y to 100,000 tons in Jan

In a move to increase demand for rubber (and stabilize rubber prices), Malaysian government will be initiating works to construct rubberized roads in some parts of Malaysia by this year

The correction in the paper markets could be observed on Friday, after Shanghai woke up from the festivities. The market could be corrected against the physical offers as supply worries following floods in key productions areas eased.

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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"