

## Market Report week 18/2018

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for natural rubber week 18/2018:

	QUALITY	PRICE	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	YEN/kg	Closed	192,00	192,00	Closed	Closed
SGX	RSS 3	USC/kg	169,40	Closed	173,00	173,80	173,50
SGX	TSR 20	USC/kg	141,50	Closed	141,10	142,40	142,90
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	186,10	Closed	185,75	185,00	186,45
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	141,30	Closed	142,55	143,05	144,10

## Development of EUR/USD and BRENT crude oil during week 18/2018:

EUR/USD Fix		1,2094	1,2041	1,2000	1,1971	1,1968
USD/JPY Fix		109,2740	109,5640	109,8275	109,6085	109,0590
Oil/BRT	USD/Barrel	73,78	73,35	73,05	73,15	73,40

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

The physical prices of last week got supported by spot purchases in certain markets. Mostly caused by the May Holiday, it was a rather quite week at the market. There is a lack of a fresh breeze and new inputs for heading to a clear direction.

Participants should closely watch the crude oil price. Despite a rather limited chance to replace NR by synthetic rubber, there is the possibility of a certain influence.

The first time since August 2017, the US Dollar is at 1.19 compared to the Euro. This might have a positive impact on the export oriented economies in Europe.

Even with less new jobs as expected, the unemployment rate in the United States is on the lowest level since 1973! A great success, which the government undoubtedly will take by its own. This might also be a welcome fact to divert from conflicts outside the own territory.

NR-department

### 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"