

Market Report week 36/2018

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for natural rubber week 36/2018:

Exchange	QUALITY	PRICE	MO.	TU.	WE.	TH.	FR.	Change
TOCOM	RSS 3	YEN/kg	169,10	168,80	168,00	167,60	165,90	-1,89 %
SGX	RSS 3	USC/kg	145,10	144,70	144,20	144,60	144,20	-0,62 %
SGX	TSR 20	USC/kg	131,70	132,00	131,90	132,20	131,70	+/- 0%
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	175,55	174,95	175,10	174,60	174,50	-0,59 %
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	131,95	132,20	133,20	132,70	132,25	+0,23 %

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

EUR/USD Fix		1,1614	1,1560	1,1594	1,1631	1,1619	
USD/JPY Fix		111,0900	111,3035	111,5625	111,2795	110,8340	
Oil/BRT	USD/Barrel	78,20	79,33	78,25	77,53	76,61	

The natural rubber market sticks on its position and is waiting for relevant information to change. It is not clear at all, which way the market will move.

The most affected group are the producers. The need to keep their head above the water line, despite partial tightness of raw material and the risk of a trade war between the US and China.

The published data for the unemployment rate in the US shows a robust positive trend. Last week was rather quiet and there is no clear information, if the increased custom fees will become effective or not.

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"