

Market Report week 39/2007

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 38/2007:

| | Quality | Price | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | |
|---|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| TOCOM | RSS 3 | Yen/kg | holiday | 252,70 | 257,60 | 255,60 | 254,20 | |
| SICOM | RSS 3 | USC/kg | 212,75 | 216,50 | 218,00 | 216,50 | 217,50 | |
| SICOM | TSR 20 | USC/kg | 208,00 | 212,00 | 213,75 | 212,50 | 213,50 | |
| MRE | SMR CV | USC/kg | 232,30 | 233,55 | 236,65 | 236,85 | 235,80 | |
| MRE | SMR 20 | USC/kg | 213,10 | 214,75 | 218,40 | 217,65 | 216,75 | |
| Development of EUR/USD during week 38/2007: | | | | | | | | |
| USD Fix | | | 1,3870 | 1,3870 | 1,3950 | 1,4025 | 1,4050 | |

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

This Monday the market started off quietly steady, as TOCOM is closed for a holiday. The recent week was again characterized by a sideway movement. A clear direction is not yet seen. The physical market mainly quoted maintained to firmer, as the demand from China is consistently good and the production in the main areas of Asia is repeatedly interrupted by partly heavy rains. The highlight of the week was the EUR/USD, that broke through the level of 1,40 for the first time since the EURO was released. This development was benefited by the previous decrease of the interest-rate and the bad economical situation in the USA.

Today Import-Statistics from China were concretized for August 2007:

| | August 2007 | January – August 2007 | Change in % |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Natural Rubber | 162.497 mt | 1.027.149 mt | + 1,00 % |
| Synthetic Rubber | 115.403 mt | 943.043 mt | + 3,00 % |

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