

Market Report week 11/2008

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 10/2008:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	306,90	307,10	305,60	305,10	294,90
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	286,00	286,75	285,25	284,00	278,75
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	276,00	276,50	274,25	272,75	269,00
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	299,85	302,55	302,40	303,70	301,45
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	268,80	271,80	270,75	271,65	268,05
Development of EUR/USD during week 10/2008:							
USD Fix			1,5190	1,5205	1,5198	1,5313	1,5412

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

Again the previous week lost ground with 4 % at the TOCOM and 2,5 % at the SICOM. Although oil is quoted at record-high-levels nearly 106 USD/barrel and the fundamentals are strong due to wintering in production areas north of the equator, investment funs sold off positions. Main reason for that is the fear that the US economy could enter in a recession, as the latest figures and indices from the US are worrying. This was also responsible for the further strengthening of the EURO against the USD.

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