

Market Report week 40/2008

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 39/2008:

| | Quality | Price | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| TOCOM | RSS 3 | Yen/kg | 296,60 | 296,60 | 290,10 | 287,20 | 276,40 |
| SICOM | RSS 3 | USC/kg | 284,00 | 285,25 | 281,25 | 279,50 | 271,25 |
| SICOM | TSR 20 | USC/kg | 279,75 | 280,50 | 278,00 | 277,00 | 272,00 |
| MRE | SMR CV | USC/kg | 322,80 | 325,90 | 323,15 | 320,80 | 318,20 |
| MRE | SMR 20 | USC/kg | 286,05 | 288,55 | 285,25 | 282,15 | 279,20 |
| Development of EUR/USD during week 39/2008: | | | | | | | |
| USD Fix | | | 1,4560 | 1,4775 | 1,4640 | 1,4645 | 1,4560 |

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

Compared with last weeks beginning TOCOM lost almost 10 %, SICOM between 6-8 % ! The atmosphere at the finance markets after all these things that happened the last few weeks is miserable. Almost every day we receive new bad news.

Declining car-sales already lead to reduced demand for rubber. The export of the major producer countries therefore declines.

The physical market is actually very quiet, raw-material supplies are very good as the end of the fasting month Ramadan is coming soon and tappers want to get cash before. After October, 1st there will be hardly any activity in Indonesia and Malaysia for at least 10days.

On September, 22nd Import-Data from China for August 2008 was released:

| | August 2008 in mt | Change in % | Jan-Aug 2008 in mt | Veränderung in % J/J |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Natural Rubber | 154.301 | - 5,32 | 1.117.750 | + 8,76 |
| Synthese Rubber | 107.240 | - 7,14 | 935.295 | - 0,85 |