

## Market Report week 21/2009

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 20/2009:

	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	172,90	168,00	171,70	165,90	163,50
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	168,00	168,00	173,00	168,50	168,00
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	156,00	158,70	160,30	155,00	153,40
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	186,35	183,95	184,65	180,90	181,35
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	166,55	163,90	165,60	162,40	162,35
Development of EUR/USD during week 20/2009:							
USD Fix			1,3555	1,3610	1,3620	1,3525	1,3550

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

The price-increase of week 19 was compensated the previous week. TOCOM lost abt. 8 %, whereas SICOM dropped between 3-6 %. Mainly technical factors and partly much lower crude-oil caused profit-taking at the future-markets. Production after wintering is still small with abt. 40-50 % of the normal production . It is expected that production will come back to normal during the month of June.

China's natural rubber imports rose 29 % on year in April to 180,000 metric tons, the General Administration of Customs said Wednesday, 13th. In January-April, natural rubber imports totalled 560,000 tons, down 11,6 % on year.

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