

Market Report week 20/2010

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 19/2010:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	269,40	264,50	262,30	262,20	262,20
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	350,00	350,00	365,00	365,00	366,50
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	287,00	277,90	282,00	281,60	281,50
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	372,95	376,20	375,25	374,70	371,15
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	290,75	291,95	288,70	288,85	284,20
Development of EUR/USD during week 19/2010:							
USD Fix			1,2975	1,2680	1,2655	1,2586	1,2558
Oil/WTI	USD/barrel		79,99	77,65	79,69	74,82	73,92

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

TOCOM closed last week almost unchanged compared with week 18, whereas quotations at the SICOM improved by abt. 2,4 % for TSR 20 and remarkable 7,8 % for RSS 3. The main reason for the RSS 3 increase is still the tightness in nearby raw material availabilities. However, from almost all areas it is reported that the production slightly and consistently improves. As the futures lost quite a lot the last few weeks, it is always possible to see a technical reaction, if investors decide to step in again.

The last week mainly the EURO-development was in the focus. This Monday the EURO started off with quotes below 1,23 !! The sentiment at the moment is pretty bearish towards the EURO. Therefore a short-term change is not expected, especially as international finance markets don't have (still ?) trust in the measures of the EU – leaders to stabilize the EURO-zone.

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Abbreviations:

TOCOM = Tokyo Commodity Exchange - SICOM = Singapore Commodity Exchange
MRE = Malaysian Rubber Exchange - WTI = crude oil "Western Texas Intermediate"
RSS 3 = Ribbed Smoked Sheets 3 – TSR 20 = Technically Specified Rubber 20
SMR = Standard Malaysian Rubber