

Market Report week 24/2010

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 23/2010:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	257,30	262,10	260,20	263,00	264,80
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	340,00	340,00	340,00	339,00	339,90
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	279,60	283,50	282,50	282,50	284,00
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	362,80	363,50	363,20	362,35	367,80
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	284,10	284,85	283,50	283,10	287,50
Development of EUR/USD during week 23/2010:							
USD Fix			1,1975	1,1910	1,1968	1,2050	1,2120
Oil/WTI	USD/barrel		71,86	71,59	72,09	74,04	74,78

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

Week 23 generated further losses at the rubber future markets like the week before. TOCOM closed the week with a minus of abt. 3,4 %, while SICOM RSS 3 declined by abt. 5,2 % and TSR 20 lost abt. 3,2%. However, at the beginning of this week all futures started much higher, caused by a weaker Yen and higher crude-oil prices. Nevertheless, the trading volume was relatively small as China has public holidays until Wednesday.

Production all over the place only normalizes slowly. Thailand still reports heavy and continuous rainfalls that hides small-holders from tapping. Furthermore it was reported that Thai small holders/contractors try to keep Unsmoked Sheets that are needed for the RSS-production as they still hope for higher prices. However, in the mid-term it is expected that markets will ease, if the fundamental factors will normalize.

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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