

Market Report week 11/2011

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 10/2011:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	456,20	416,50	412,40	416,80	401,40
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	577,00	545,00	518,00	518,00	480,00
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	492,00	453,00	448,30	457,50	440,50
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	590,20	583,15	570,75	567,50	559,50
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	506,50	484,95	453,30	460,35	451,05
Development of EUR/USD during week 10/2011:							
USD Fix			1,4020	1,3915	1,3938	1,3825	1,3785
Oil/WTI	USD/barrel		118,34	115,84	113,75	115,03	113,25

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

Following the apocalyptic catastrophe in Japan, future markets reacted sharply with heavy losses. The markets were already in a strong technical reaction last week, when the heavy earthquake hit Japan on Friday and speeded up this development dramatically. TOCOM lost last week abt. 14,4 %, SICOM RSS 3 abt. 19,3 % and TSR 20 abt. 12,6 %. After the earthquake the markets lost only today another 13,7 % in TOCOM, 12,5 % in SICOM RSS 3 and 13,7 % in TSR 20 !

Which impact this natural disaster and especially a possible nuclear blast will have on global economic developments , cannot be answered yet and is still pure speculation. We all can only hope and pray for Japan that the worst is not going to happen.

China's natural rubber imports in February 2011 declined 15 % from the same month a year ago to 110.000 mt, as well as 27 % from January 2011 when 150.000 were imported. In the first 2 months of this year the imports dropped by 14 % to 250.000 mt compared with the same period last year, the General Administration of Customs said on March, 10th.

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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