

Market Report week 22/2012

Development of futures quotations at the main trading places for Natural Rubber in week 21/2012:

	Quality	Price	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TOCOM	RSS 3	Yen/kg	278,70	280,40	269,60	265,00	267,10
SICOM	RSS 3	USC/kg	374,30	372,00	366,30	364,30	360,00
SICOM	TSR 20	USC/kg	335,30	334,50	325,00	321,40	321,40
MRE	SMR CV	USC/kg	390,35	392,55	387,60	382,30	379,85
MRE	SMR 20	USC/kg	336,55	337,50	330,00	322,35	320,85
Development of EUR/USD during week 21/2012:							
USD Fix			1,2765	1,2747	1,2645	1,2585	1,2560
Oil/BRT	USD/barrel		109,48	110,67	108,82	107,56	108,47

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

The last week started off with an unexpected surprise, after the Thai government announced to buy abt. 10.000 mt at the exchanges of China and Japan. Thereupon markets firmed significantly. Which quantities actually were traded, was not known. During the course of the week future markets could not hold the level of it's beginning. Uncertainty about the future of the Euro-zone and especially the remaining of Greece in the Euro weighed on the sentiment of the finance- and commodity markets and the currency itself. Also, the fundamental situation of the NR market is rather "bearish". Availabilities in Indonesia right now are quite good and wintering in Thailand and Malaysia will reach it's end latest mid June.

TOCOM RSS 3 lost compared with last week finally abt. 1,0 %, while SGX RSS 3 lost abt. 2,7 % and SGX TSR 20 abt. 2,8 %.

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Abbreviations:

RSS 3 = Ribbed Smoked Sheets 3 - TSR 20 = Technically Specified Rubber 20

SMR = Standard Malaysian Rubber