



The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

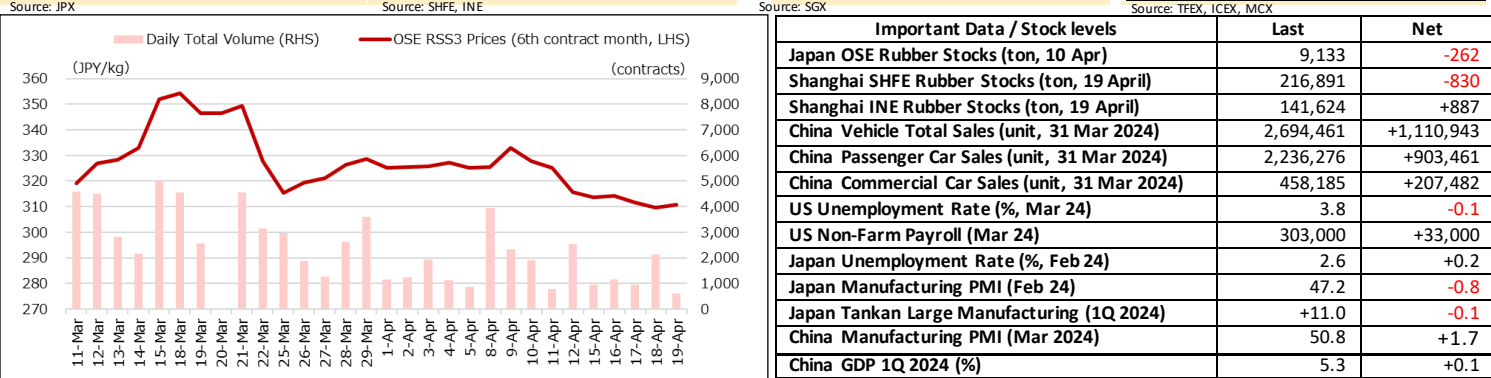
15 April – 19 April 2024

Japan: CPI +2.7% y/y, Core CPI +2.6% y/y in Mar, Core Machinery Orders +7.7 m/m in Feb, Trade Balance USD 366.5B in Mar

Rubber Futures Report:

Global rubber futures closed the week with declines across all rubber exchanges. OSE rubber fell 1.5% in light trading activity. SHFE and INE rubber fell 0.9% and 1.7%, respectively, driven by long liquidation and profit-taking. SICOM rubber prices saw a marginal decline due to long liquidation. Open interest decreased across all exchanges as speculative funds continued to unwind their long positions. Market sentiment was clouded by uncertainties surrounding supply shortages and weaker demand from China. In rubber news, there had positive reports regarding the gradual recovery of rubber shortages in Yunnan, China, and the improvement of poor yields caused by El Niño. Japan's Yokohama held a groundbreaking event for its plant in Saltillo, Mexico. Production is slated to commence in early 2025, and the facility will have the capacity to manufacture 5 million tires. China's Sailun Tire has decided to postpone the expansion of its tire plant in Vietnam until March 2025. In financial news, China reported a Q1 GDP growth rate of +5.3%, surpassing expectations, although industrial production (+4.5%) and retail sales (+3.1%) showed weaker figures. Reports of an Israeli attack on Iranian soil have escalated tensions, leading to deeper conflicts in the region and contributing to a decline in global stocks. Japan's Nikkei 225 fell JPY 2,455, while the US S&P 500 declined by 156 points. The USD was firmer globally as the 10-year Treasury yield surged to 4.64%, resulting in the treasury futures hitting a five-month low at 107.42. Gold prices remained strong due to safe-haven buying, reaching a weekly high of USD 2,417 per oz amid the geopolitical crisis.

OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net	SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net	SICOM TSR20	Last (US¢)	Net	TFEX JRF	Last (THB)	Net
Apr 24	331.8	-5.2	SCR/RSS Sep 24	14,575	-130	May 24	161.8	-0.8	Aug 24	310.6	-18.1
May 24	323.0	-5.6	SCR/RSS Jan 25	14,665	-125	Jun 24	163.0	-0.6	Sep 24	308.0	-17.0
Jun 24	314.2	-10.2	Total Vol.	2,310,754	-273,197	July 24	164.1	-0.5	SHFE BR	Last (CNY)	Net
Jul 24	312.1	-9.0	Total OI	292,718	-1,356	Aug 24	165.0	-0.4	May 24	13,210	-50
Aug 24	312.2	-5.8	INE TSR Jun 24	11,790	-205	Sep 24	166.0	-0.3	Jun 24	13,195	-70
Sep 24	310.8	-4.9	INE TSR July 24	11,895	-195	Oct 24	166.6	-0.4	Jul 24	13,400	-40
Total Vol.	5,770	-5,710	Total Vol.	437,497	-86,627	Total Vol.	78,995	+8,371	Total Vol.	107,267	-6,122
Total OI	8,318	-191	Total OI	106,164	-7,526	Total OI	78,033	-1,705	Total OI	23,788	-1,853



Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 10 Apr)	9,133	-262
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 19 April)	216,891	-830
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 19 April)	141,624	+887
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 31 Mar 2024)	2,694,461	+1,110,943
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 31 Mar 2024)	2,236,276	+903,461
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 31 Mar 2024)	458,185	+207,482
US Unemployment Rate (% Mar 24)	3.8	-0.1
US Non-Farm Payroll (Mar 24)	303,000	+33,000
Japan Unemployment Rate (% Feb 24)	2.6	+0.2
Japan Manufacturing PMI (Feb 24)	47.2	-0.8
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (1Q 2024)	+11.0	-0.1
China Manufacturing PMI (Mar 2024)	50.8	+1.7
China GDP 1Q 2024 (%)	5.3	+0.1

FOREX	Last	Net
USD/JPY	154.64	+1.41
EUR/USD	1.0656	+0.0013
GBP/USD	1.2370	-0.0082
USD/CHF	0.9102	-0.0035
AUD/USD	0.6418	-0.0049
USD/CNY	7.2393	+0.0019
USD/INR	83.4725	+0.0575
USD/SGD	1.3616	+0.0002
USD/MYR	4.7832	+0.0127
USD/THB	36.835	+0.217
USD/IDR	16,260	+412
USD/VND	25,430	+399

Stock Index	Last	Net
NK225 Japan	37,068.35	-2,455.20
TOPIX Japan	2,626.32	-133.32
Dow Jones US	37,986.40	+3.16
S&P 500 US	4,967.23	-156.18
Nasdaq US	15,282.01	-893.08
CSI 300 China	3,541.66	+65.82
Shanghai China	3,065.26	+45.79
HSI Hong Kong	16,224.14	-497.55
STI Singapore	3,176.51	-40.40
KLCI Malaysia	1,547.57	-34.70
SET Thailand	1,332.08	-64.30
IDX Indonesia	7,087.32	-199.56
VSE Vietnam	1,174.85	-101.75

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net
JPX NK225 Jun 24	37,100	-2,450
JPX TOPIX Jun 24	2,626.0	-132.0
JPX NK 400 Jun 24	23,760	-1,210
JPX TSE REIT Jun 24	1,769.5	+3.0
JPX NK 225 VI May 24	23.50	+2.10
JPX JGB 10 Year Jun 24	144.67	+0.32
JPX Gold 1 Kg Feb 25	11,837	+75
JPX Platinum Feb 25	4,668	-244
JPX Silver Feb 25	141.0	-0.5
JPX Palladium Feb 25	5,100	-100
JPX TSR20 July 24	254.0	+0
JPX Corn Mar 25	40,010	-110
JPX Dubai Crude Sept 24	80,460	-500

Technical Analysis on the OSE Sept-2024 Contract:

OSE's active September-2024 contract dropped JPY 4.9, closing at 310.8 in quiet trading. The weakening overseas market has dampened market sentiment on OSE. Trading volume recorded a significant decrease of 5,851 lots compared to the previous week, indicating light liquidation of long positions. Prices traded below the 50-day moving average, signaling potential further weakness. Anticipated support levels are at 300.0 and 286.7 (100-day MA), while resistance levels are at 330.0 and 345.0. The 14-day RSI dropped to 39.7%, suggesting a bearish momentum. The expected trading range for the next week is between 300 and 325.

Technical Analysis on the SGX SICOM July-2024 Contract:

SICOM's active July-2024 contract closed with a slight drop of 0.5 cents, settling at 164.1 in active trading. Trading volume increased by 8,371 lots compared to the previous week, while open interest fell by 1,705 lots, suggesting long liquidation. Market sentiment remains steady as prices hovered just above the 50-day MA. Anticipated support levels are 162.0 and 160.0, while resistance levels are 165.5 and 169.0. The 14-day RSI stands at 48.3%. Prices are expected to continue trading sideways within the range of 160.0-169.0 until a breakout and a clearer upward trend emerge.



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