

The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

19 Apr. 2021 – 23 Apr. 2021

Note: Japan market will be closed for a public holiday on Friday 29 April 2021 for Showa Day holiday.

Rubber Futures Report:

Rubber Futures prices closed the week generally firmer in uncertain trading. The Japan OSE market closed marginally lower but both Shanghai exchanges SHFE and INE markets closed higher on short covering after strong selling from the previous week. SGX SICOM prices were firmer on stronger physical pricing and some traders' hedging. Overall trading remains mostly sideways and uncertain in the absence of fresh news. Some commodities were soaring which include corn, soybean, copper and coffee but rubber prices sentiment remains sluggish and uncertain without any clear direction which put some traders on the side-line. On global markets, equities were volatile with wild swings as some countries saw a surge in new infections (like in India) and new lockdowns in some part of Australia. Report on US President Biden's plan to increase taxes also gave a temporary sell-off in the US stock market on Thursday. On other news, Japan April PMI was stronger +0.6 to 53.3. Rising tension between Russia and US persist while Australia cancels Belt and Road deal with China. Indonesia's submarine reported sank near Bali with 53 on board was heart breaking.

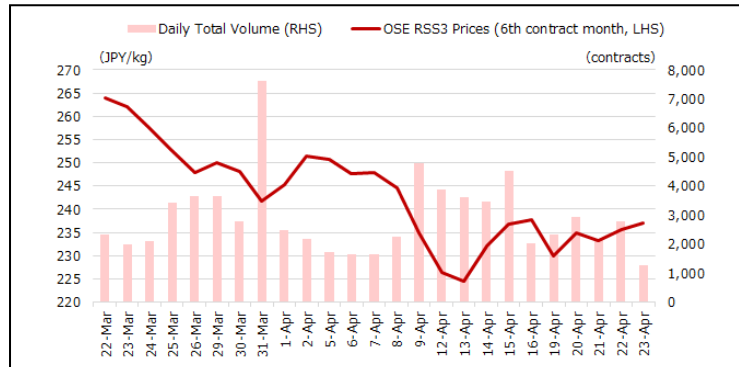
OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net	SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net	SICOM TSR20	Last (USC)	Net	TFEX	Last (THB)	Net
Apr 21	224.0	-1.2	SCR/RSS May 21	13,765	+265	May 21	165.2	+3.6	RSS3 Aug 21	66.65	-0.30
May 21	226.8	-0.7	SCR/RSS Sep 21	14,035	+300	Jun 21	166.7	+3.7	RSS3 Sep 21	66.65	-0.50
Jun 21	232.3	+0.5	Total Vol.	2,506,201	+193,571	Jul 21	167.3	+3.6	JRF Aug 21	235.0	+0.6
Jul 21	234.5	-0.3	Total OI	281,621	-17,762	Aug 21	167.9	+3.6	JRF Sep 21	234.8	-0.8
Aug 21	235.6	-1.4	INE TSR Jun 21	11,145	+270	Sep 21	168.5	+3.2	ICEX	Last (INR)	Net
Sep 21	237.1	-0.6	INE TSR Jul 21	11,270	+250	Oct 21	169.0	+2.8	RSS4 May 21	16,548	-446
Total Vol.	11,491	-6,033	Total Vol.	143,559	+10,448	Total Vol.	31,932	-3,350	MCX	Last (INR)	Net
Total OI	11,415	-365	Total OI	54,530	-1,478	Total OI	42,164	+1,009	RSS4 May 21	16,401	-388

Source: JPX

Source: SHFE, INE

Source: SGX

Source: TFEX, ICEX, MCX



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Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 10 Apr)	7,878	+39
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 23 Apr)	177,542	-60
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 23 Apr)	58,242	-604
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 31 Mar)	2,525,000	+1,070,194
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 31 Mar)	1,874,000	+718,113
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 31 Mar)	651,000	+352,081
US Unemployment Rate (% Mar)	6.0	-0.2
US Non-Farm Payroll (Mar)	+916,000	+448,000
Japan Unemployment Rate (% Feb)	3.0	+0.1
Japan PMI (Apr)	53.3	+0.6
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (31/3)	+5	+15
China PMI (Mar)	51.9	+1.3
China GDP 1Q (%)	+18.3	+11.8

Source: JPX, SHFE, Bloomberg

FOREX	Last	Net
USD/JPY	107.88	-0.92
EUR/USD	1.2097	+0.0114
GBP/USD	1.3876	+0.0044
USD/CHF	0.9140	-0.0061
AUD/USD	0.7739	+0.0005
USD/CNY	6.4963	-0.0243
USD/INR	74.525	+0.170
USD/SGD	1.3269	-0.0072
USD/MYR	4.1085	-0.0172
USD/THB	31.397	+0.197
USD/IDR	14,525	-40
USD/VND	23,061	-1

Source: Bloomberg

Stock Index	Last	Net
NK225 Japan	29,020.63	-662.74
TOPIX Japan	1,914.98	-45.89
Dow Jones US	34,043.49	-157.18
S&P 500 US	4,180.17	-5.30
Nasdaq US	14,016.81	-35.53
CSI 300 China	5,135.45	+168.27
Shanghai China	3,474.17	+47.55
HSI Hong Kong	29,078.75	+109.04
STI Singapore	3,194.04	-7.72
KLCI Malaysia	1,608.43	+0.05
SET Thailand	1,553.59	+4.63
IDX Indonesia	6,016.86	-69.40
VSE Vietnam	1,248.53	+9.82

Source: JPX, Bloomberg

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net
JPX NK225 Jun 21	28,970	-760
JPX TOPIX Jun 21	1,911.5	-52
JPX NK 400 Jun 21	17,230	-465
JPX TSE REIT Jun 21	2,042.5	-12.0
JPX NK 225 VI May 21	20.30	+0.10
JPX JGB 10 Year Jun 21	151.56	+0.20
JPX Gold 1 Kg Feb 22	6,198	+25
JPX Mini Gold 100g Feb 22	6,198	+25
JPX Gold Rolling Spot	6,201	+15
JPX Silver Feb 22	91.0	-0.1
JPX Platinum Feb 22	4,200	-19
JPX Palladium Feb 22	9,820	+320
JPX Corn May 22	33,500	+1,490

Source: JPX

Rubber Trading – Technical Analysis (OSE Sept Rubber):

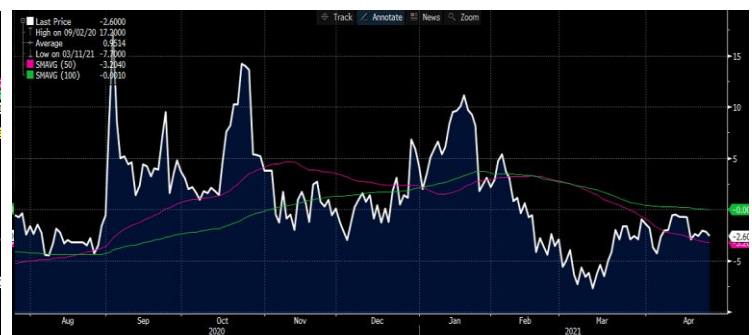
OSE Sept futures was mostly in congestion in tight trading range last week. There was virtually no clear direction and no fresh news in the rubber market. Prices are likely to trade sideways and probably will get some cue (clue) from the SHFE market. Supports remain at 228.0 (19/4) and further support at 222.5 (14/4 low) while Resistances is at 239.5/240 then 247.8 (100 MA) Relative Strength (RSI) is at 44.3%. The tight trading range also saw volume dropped about 6,000 lots last week.



Source: Bloomberg

Rubber Trading – OSE July, Aug Sept Butterfly Spread:

The spreader who put on a Short Butterfly spread July/Aug/Sep at +0.6 couple of weeks ago is seeing the spread has gone down to -2.6 (-1.1)-(1.5) = -2.6 Although the spreader objective target is -4.5/-5.0 level he is happy to close (take profit) even at -3.5/-3.0 as the market movement has been extremely tight in the past few weeks. The spreader maintains his buy stop at +5.0 and is looking out for other spreads and arbitrage opportunities.



Source: Bloomberg

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