

The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

03 April 2023 – 07 Apr 2023

Note: Japan Q1 Tankan Large Manufacturing lower at 1, Large Non-Manufacturing at 20. Bank of Japan PMI higher at 49.2

Rubber Futures Report:

World rubber futures closed lower in all major rubber exchanges. The prices drifted to lower levels as some published economic numbers aroused concerns about the global economic slowdown. OSE rubber futures fell 2.6%, and SHFE and INE futures dropped 3.8% and 2.7%, respectively. SICOM futures shed 2% amid shorter trading days for the Good Friday holiday. Japan's Tankan large Manufacturing Index in Q1 dropped to 1 from 7, and the US ISM Manufacturing PMI in March fell to 46.3. China's Caixin PMI in March also recorded a weaker number at 50.0 from 51.6. Tension has increased regarding Taiwan, and French President Macron met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing to seek China's support to end the crisis in Ukraine. In other news, the US unemployment rate in March decreased 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%, while non-farm payroll recorded an additional 236,000 jobs, slightly lower than the market expectations of 238,000 jobs. Saudi Arabia and OPEC+ surprisingly announced oil output cuts of 1.16 million barrels per day, pushing the WTI crude oil price to above USD 80 per barrel. The market eyes the US CPI data in March on April 12th to find out the next Fed's rate hikes. The market consensus is now 5.2% on an annual basis.

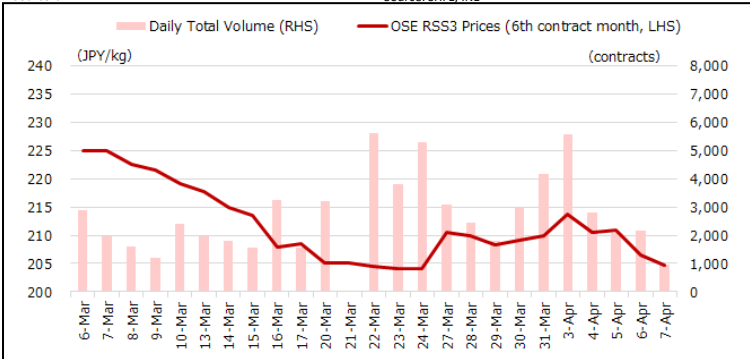
OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net	SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net	SICOM TSR20	Last (USC)	Net	TFEX	Last (THB)	Net
Apr 23	200.1	-4.9	SCR/RSS May23	11,485	-460	May 23	132.8	-2.9	RSS3 Aug 23	54.70	-0.1
May 23	200.8	-5.1	SCR/RSS Sep23	11,620	-390	Jun 23	133.4	-2.9	RSS3 Sep 23	54.80	0
Jun 23	201.9	-6.1	Total Vol.	1,376,177	-294,229	Jul 23	134.4	-2.8	JRF Aug 23	205.9	-3.1
Jul 23	204.0	-5.4	Total OI	405,942	+41,603	Aug 23	135.2	-2.9	JRF Sep 23	206.0	-4.3
Aug 23	204.8	-3.4	INE TSR Jun 23	9,380	-245	Sep 23	136.4	-2.7	ICEX	Last (INR)	Net
Sep 23	204.6	-5.4	INE TSR Jul 23	9,450	-235	Oct 23	137.4	-2.5	RSS4 Apr 23	Untraded	0
Total Vol.	13,525	-888	Total Vol.	238,607	-65,426	Total Vol.	24,560	-15,383	MCX	Last (INR)	Net
Total OI	14,018	-200	Total OI	100,086	-2,384	Total OI	55,825	-171	RSS4 Apr 23	Untraded	0

Source: JPX

Source: SHFE, INE

Source: SGX

Source: TFE, ICEX, MCX



Source: JPX

Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 20 Mar)	9,532	+115
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 07 Apr)	195,405	-1,280
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 07 Apr)	48,495	+6,069
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 28 Feb 23)	1,976,173	+327,207
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 28 Feb 23)	1,652,664	+184,067
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 28 Feb 23)	323,509	+143,140
US Unemployment Rate (% Mar 23)	3.5	-0.1
US Non-Farm Payroll (Mar 23)	230,000	-96,000
Japan Unemployment Rate (% Feb)	2.6	+0.2
Japan Manufacturing PMI (Mar)	48.6	+0.9
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (1Q 23)	1	-6
China Manufacturing PMI (Mar)	51.9	-0.7
China GDP 3Q (%)	+3.9	+3.5

Source: JPX, SHFE, Bloomberg

FOREX	Last	Net
USD/JPY	132.16	-0.70
EUR/USD	1.0905	+0.0066
GBP/USD	1.2418	+0.0081
USD/CHF	0.9054	-0.0099
AUD/USD	0.6672	-0.0013
USD/CNY	6.8679	-0.0058
USD/INR	81.8975	-0.28
USD/SGD	1.3298	-0.0011
USD/MYR	4.4015	-0.0137
USD/THB	34.195	+0.0052
USD/IDR	14,913	-83
USD/VND	23,451	-20

Source: Bloomberg

Stock Index	Last	Net
NK225 Japan	27,518.31	-523.17
TOPIX Japan	21,965.44	-38.06
Dow Jones US	33,485.29	+211.14
S&P 500 US	4,105.02	-4.29
Nasdaq US	12,087.96	-133.95
CSI 300 China	4,123.28	+72.35
Shanghai China	3,327.65	+54.79
HSI Hong Kong	20,331.20	-68.91
STI Singapore	3,300.48	+41.58
KLCI Malaysia	1,427.04	+14.45
SET Thailand	1,577.07	-32.10
IDX Indonesia	6,792.77	-12.51
VSE Vietnam	1,069.71	+5.07

Source: JPX, Bloomberg

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net
JPX NK225 Jun 23	27,540	-500
JPX TOPIX Jun 23	1,965.5	-38
JPX NK 400 Jun 23	17,695	-365
JPX TSE REIT Jun 23	1,799.0	+22.0
JPX NK 225 VI Apr 23	18.05	+0.25
JPX JGB 10 Year Jun 23	147.66	-0.46
JPX Gold 1 Kg Feb 24	8,512	+75
JPX Platinum Feb 24	4,194	+27
JPX Silver Feb 24	104.0	+3.7
JPX Palladium Feb 24	5,850	0
JPX TSR20 Jul 23	178.0	-1.0
JPX Corn Mar 24	41,760	-940
JPX Dubai Crude Aug 23	65,490	+4,090

Source: JPX

Technical Analysis on the OSE Sept-2023 Contract:

OSE's active Sept-2023 contract fell JPY 5.4 at JPY 204.6 this week amid moderate trading activities due to the Chinese Ching Ming festival and the Good Friday holiday. The open interest dropped by 200 contracts in response to slight long liquidations. The support level will be 201.9 and 200.0, while the resistance level will be 210.4 and 213.4. The 14-day RSI is 38.4%. The market sentiment turned out to be bearish, led by strong selling pressure at the overseas markets, which could signal a further decline in the coming week.



Source: Bloomberg

Technical Analysis on the SGX SICOM July-2023 Contract:

SICOM's active month of July-2023 contract shed 2.8 cents at 134.4 cents under quiet trading activities. The market sentiment gloomed due to the strong selling pressure led by the Chinese markets, failing to keep the level of 136.0. The support level will be 131.9 and 130.1, while the resistance level will be 137.2 and 139.2. The 14-day RSI is now 42%, and the price could drift lower on consecutive days. Bottom buying transactions might be observed at the previous support level of 130.0-131.0.



Source: Bloomberg

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