

The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

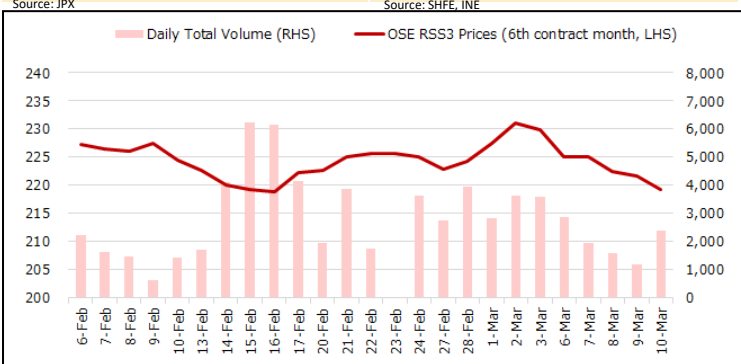
06 Mar 2023 – 10 Mar 2023

Note: Japan's revised 4Q GDP growth lower at +0.0% Q/Q, +0.1% Year/Year, PPI in Feb slightly lower at 8.2% Year/Year

Rubber Futures Report:

World rubber futures dropped sharply in all major rubber exchanges. Speculative selling and long liquidations pushed prices downward amid heavy trading activities. OSE rubber futures fell 4.6%, facing selling pressures, while SHFE and INE futures dropped 4% and 4.5% with heavy trading activities, respectively. SICOM futures shed 5.9% on long liquidation and stop-loss selling amid active trading volume. The market sentiment turned bearish in response to the uncertainty of the Chinese economic recovery, higher interest rates, and growing fears of the global recession. Japan's revised annualized GDP growth in 4Q became +0.1%, and PPI in February was +8.2%. The BOJ maintained its monetary policy unchanged at the policy meeting on March 10. The Fed Chairman Powell addressed that the Fed would hike rates more aggressively if the U.S. economy continued to grow too quickly, and the comments pushed equity markets to fall sharply. The U.S. unemployment rate in February inched up to 3.6%, but a non-farm payroll increase of 311,000 was higher than market expectations. The 16th largest U.S. bank, Silicon Valley Bank, collapsed and was forced to shut down by regulators. Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed to restore diplomatic relations after a seven-year rift in a Chinese-mediated deal.

OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net	SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net	SICOM TSR20	Last (USc)	Net	TFEX	Last (THB)	Net
Mar 23	202.0	-10.1	SCR/RSS May23	12,095	-510	Apr 23	131.7	-9.6	RSS3 Jul 23	55.50	+1.95
Apr 23	206.4	-10.6	SCR/RSS Sep23	12,215	-445	May 23	134.0	-8.8	RSS3 Aug 23	55.50	+1.95
May 23	211.6	-9.6	Total Vol.	1,691,742	+405,817	Jun 23	135.3	-8.5	JRF Jul 23	217.0	-11.1
Jun 23	216.0	-9.2	Total OI	414,927	+52,373	Jul 23	136.3	-8.5	JRF Aug 23	218.7	-11.4
Jul 23	217.8	-10.5	INE TSR May 23	9,810	-465	Aug 23	137.2	-8.7	ICEX	Last (INR)	Net
Aug 23	219.2	-10.6	INE TSR Jun 23	9,860	-455	Sep 23	138.4	-8.6	RSS4 Mar 23	Untraded	0
Total Vol.	10,013	-6,796	Total Vol.	303,341	+68,030	Total Vol.	49,592	+13,493	MCX	Last (INR)	Net
Total OI	11,363	+449	Total OI	115,747	-2,230	Total OI	52,273	-3,567	RSS4 Mar 23	Untraded	0



Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 28 Feb)	9,423	+646
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 10 Mar)	198,740	-10
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 10 Mar)	41,117	+3,349
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 31 Jan 23)	1,648,966	-907,278
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 31 Jan 23)	1,468,597	-796,427
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 31 Jan 23)	180,369	-110,851
US Unemployment Rate (% Feb)	3.6	+0.2
US Non-Farm Payroll (Jan)	311,000	-193,000
Japan Unemployment Rate (% Jan)	2.4	-0.1
Japan Manufacturing PMI (Feb)	47.4	-1.5
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (4Q)	7	-1
China Manufacturing PMI (Feb)	52.6	+2.5
China GDP 3Q (%)	+3.9	+3.5

FOREX	Last	Net
USD/JPY	135.03	-0.84
EUR/USD	1.0643	+0.0008
GBP/USD	1.2030	-0.0006
USD/CHF	0.9207	-0.0155
AUD/USD	0.6580	-0.0190
USD/CNY	6.9173	+0.013
USD/INR	82.0475	+0.0775
USD/SGD	1.3500	+0.0050
USD/MYR	4.5200	+0.0427
USD/THB	34.751	+0.172
USD/IDR	15,450	+139
USD/VND	23,693	-35

Stock Index	Last	Net
NK225 Japan	28,143.97	+216.50
TOPIX Japan	2,031.58	+12.06
Dow Jones US	31,909.64	-1,481.33
S&P 500 US	3,861.59	-229.05
Nasdaq US	11,138.89	-550.12
CSI 300 China	3,967.14	-163.41
Shanghai China	3,230.08	-98.31
HSI Hong Kong	19,319.92	-1,247.62
STI Singapore	3,177.43	-54.59
KLCI Malaysia	1,433.08	-20.47
SET Thailand	1,599.65	-7.23
IDX Indonesia	6,765.30	-48.34
VSE Vietnam	1,053.00	+28.23

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net
JPX NK225 Jun 23	27,860	+210
JPX TOPIX Jun 23	2,005.0	+8.5
JPX NK 400 Jun 23	18,060	+60
JPX TSE REIT Jun 23	1,809.5	-3.5
JPX NK 225 VI Mar 23	17.40	+0.80
JPX JGB 10 Year Jun 23	146.15	+0.68
JPX Gold 1 Kg Feb 24	8,030	-23
JPX Platinum Feb 24	4,080	-72
JPX Silver Feb 24	89.2	-3.2
JPX Palladium Feb 24	6,300	0
JPX TSR20 Jun 23	185.0	-10.0
JPX Corn Mar 24	43,140	-460
JPX Dubai Crude Aug 23	64,230	-1,920

Technical Analysis on the OSE Aug-2023 Contracts:

O OSE's active Aug-2023 contracts dropped JPY10.6 at 219.2, with generally lower trading activities. The weekly trading volume decreased by 6,796 contracts amid thin fresh buying flows. The market sentiment turned bearish as the price sank under the three moving averages. Weak overseas rubber markets could put the prices under further downward pressure. The 14-day RSI dropped to 38% under strong selling pressure, and touching 30% will signal an oversold condition. The support level will be 217.0 and 212.0, while the resistance level will be 223.0 and 229.8.



Technical Analysis on the SGX SICOM June 2023 Contracts:

SICOM's active month of June-2023 contracts fell 8.5 cents to 135.3 with active transactions. The weekly trading volume surged by more than 13,000 contracts, most of which were long liquidation. The sharp turnaround of the price had reversed the market sentiment to bearish. The price traded below both the 20 and 100-day moving averages, and touching the 50-day average indicates that the price will likely move within a range between 131 and 141 in the next couple of weeks. The support level will be 132 and 130, and the resistance level will be 140 and 142. The 14-day RSI was lower at 34.1%.



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