

The Japan Rubber Futures Weekly Report:

06 Feb 2023 – 10 Feb 2023

Note: Japan Dec Household Spending weaker -1.3%, Dec Current Account Balance lower at JPY 33.3 billion

Rubber Futures Report:

World rubber futures dropped two consecutive weeks amid quiet trading activities. Without any fresh news, all exchanges' trading volume fell sharply within a tight range of price movement. OSE rubber futures shed less than 1% with light trading volume. SHFE and INE futures fell 0.7% and 0.8%, respectively, while SICOM futures dropped 2.4%. The rubber market sentiment changed to bearish in the past two weeks as Chinese traders added new short positions, as seen in a sharp increase in the open interest on SHFE and INE. The wintering season will begin at the end of this month. In world news, concerns about global recession led by inflation remain persistent as several countries will continue to hike interest rates. The Fed is expected to hike the policy rate in response to the surprisingly strong job number in January that appreciated the USD and impacted commodity and equity markets. Global stocks, excluding Japan, closed lower, and market participants are waiting for Tuesday's crucial US CPI data, which is expected at 6.2%. The Rubber Trade Association of Singapore will hold its annual dinner event on Friday, Feb 24th, at the Carlton Hotel.

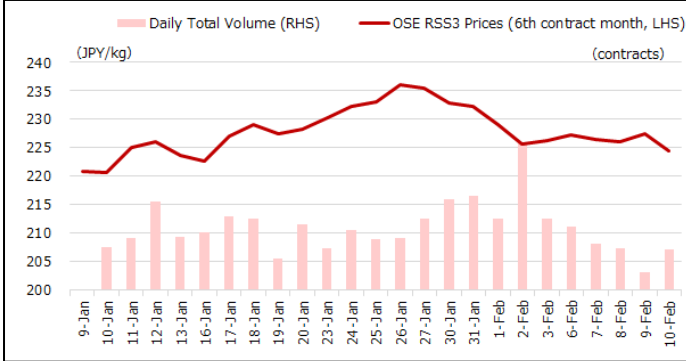
OSE RSS3	Last (JPY)	Net	SHFE/INE	Last (CNY)	Net	SICOM TSR20	Last (USC)	Net	TFEX	Last (THB)	Net
Feb 23	213.0	-0.2	SCR/RSS May23	12,620	-85	Mar 23	137.5	-3.1	RSS3 Jun 23	55.40	+0.25
Mar 23	214.3	-2.7	SCR/RSS Sep23	12,580	-70	Apr 23	138.4	-3.4	RSS3 Jul 23	55.40	+0.25
Apr 23	219.1	-0.5	Total Vol.	1,632,034	-275,083	May 23	139.3	-3.4	JRF Jun 23	223.5	-1.6
May 23	222.4	-1.4	Total OI	345,488	+22,872	Jun 23	140.1	-3.3	JRF Jul 23	224.1	-2.9
Jun 23	223.2	-1.2	INE TSR Apr 23	9,790	-85	Jul 23	141.2	-3.0	ICEX	Last (INR)	Net
Jul 23	224.5	-1.8	INE TSR May 23	9,840	-90	Aug 23	142.3	-2.8	RSS4 Feb 23	Untraded	+0
Total Vol.	7,365	-9,298	Total Vol.	262,206	-102,550	Total Vol.	39,297	-15,257	MCX	Last (INR)	Net
Total OI	11,169	-106	Total OI	100,915	+6,303	Total OI	53,246	-522	RSS4 Feb 23	Untraded	+0

Source: JPX

Source: SHFE, INE

Source: SGX

Source: TFEX, ICEX, MCX



Source: JPX

FOREX	Last	Net
USD/JPY	131.36	+0.17
EUR/USD	1.0678	-0.0117
GBP/USD	1.2062	+0.0006
USD/CHF	0.9238	-0.0023
AUD/USD	0.6917	-0.0006
USD/CNY	6.8145	+0.0165
USD/INR	82.5062	+0.6699
USD/SGD	1.3303	+0.0018
USD/MYR	4.3335	+0.0748
USD/THB	33.731	+0.297
USD/IDR	15,134	+240.5
USD/VND	23,572	+122

Source: Bloomberg

Stock Index	Last	Net
NK225 Japan	27,670.98	+159.38
TOPIX Japan	1,986.96	+16.70
Dow Jones US	33,869.27	-56.77
S&P 500 US	4,090.46	-46.02
Nasdaq US	11,718.12	-288.84
CSI 300 China	4,106.31	-35.32
Shanghai China	3,260.67	-2.74
HSI Hong Kong	21,190.42	-470.05
STI Singapore	3,360.69	-23.6
KLCI Malaysia	1,474.59	-15.88
SET Thailand	1,664.57	-23.79
IDX Indonesia	6,880.33	-31.4
VSE Vietnam	1,055.30	-21.85

Source: JPX, Bloomberg

Important Data / Stock levels	Last	Net
Japan OSE Rubber Stocks (ton, 31 Jan)	7,423	+1,364
Shanghai SHFE Rubber Stocks (ton, 10 Feb)	196,282	+2,808
Shanghai INE Rubber Stocks (ton, 10 Feb)	32,548	-1,854
China Vehicle Total Sales (unit, 31 Dec 22)	2,556,244	+228,523
China Passenger Car Sales (unit, 31 Dec 22)	2,265,024	+190,208
China Commercial Car Sales (unit, 31 Dec 22)	291,220	+38315
US Unemployment Rate (% Jan)	3.4	-0.1
US Non-Farm Payroll (Jan)	517,000	+257,000
Japan Unemployment Rate (% Dec)	2.5	+0.0
Japan Manufacturing PMI (Jan)	48.9	+0.0
Japan Tankan Large Manufacturing (4Q)	7	-1
China Manufacturing PMI (Jan)	50.1	+3.1
China GDP 3Q (%)	+3.9	+3.5

Source: JPX, SHFE, Bloomberg

JPX Derivatives	Last	Net
JPX NK225 Mar 23	27,650	+160
JPX TOPIX Mar 23	1,985.5	+17.5
JPX NK 400 Mar 23	17,930	+170
JPX TSE REIT Mar 23	1,811.0	-7.0
JPX NK 225 VI Mar 23	18.60	-0.25
JPX JGB 10 Year Mar 23	146.54	-0.61
JPX Gold 1 Kg Dec 23	7,858	-59
JPX Platinum Dec 23	4,026	-197
JPX Silver Dec 23	92.9	-2.6
JPX Palladium Dec 23	7,100	+0
JPX TSR20 Mar 23	182.0	-1.0
JPX Corn Jan 23	43,600	+370
JPX Dubai Crude Jun 23	63,400	+2,670

Source: JPX

Technical Analysis on the OSE July 2023 Contracts:

OSE's July 2023 contracts fell slightly with quiet trading activities. The price shed about 0.8%, and the trading volume recorded less than half from the previous week. The Open interest fell 106 contracts with light trading for liquidation. The price moved with no clear direction. The 14-day RSI fell sharply to 43.5% from 67.0% the previous week, and buying interest could be observed at the 220.0 level. The support level will be 220.5 and 217.1, while the resistance level will be 233.0 and 239.0. The price will be expected to hover around the 221-228 level next week with quiet trading activities.



Source: Bloomberg

Technical Analysis on the SGX SICOM May 2023 Contracts:

SICOM's May 2023 contracts dropped 3.4 cents at 139.3 amid moderate trading activities. After the Chinese holidays, the price fell sharply during due to the liquidation of long positions and the backlash against over-bought conditions. The short-term support level will be between 139 and 140, and the price will likely consolidate before showing a clear direction. The support level will be 139.0 and 133.7, while the resistance level will be 143.8 and 149.5, respectively. The 14-day RSI dropped to 42.8% after touching 75% a couple of weeks before. The price broke the 140.0 support level, and the market sentiment remains stable.



Source: Bloomberg

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