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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country:				Importing partner countries			
			Australia							
		Reported exports to target country		Reported imports from partner country (on left)		Reported exports to partner country (on right)		Reported imports from target country		
Year	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Algeria			13000	56154	175	7167			China, Hong Kong SAR
1995	Areas, nes			2	362			796	5120	Indonesia
1995	Germany	74	1000	312	2851			199	4537	Morocco
1995	Netherlands	5062	25552	1312	117453	519	5962			Papua New Guinea
1995	Russian Federation			27601	110374	121	2035	105	2814	Singapore
1995	Spain			4937	21300					
1995	Switzerland	11	1302	4	1310					
1995	United Kingdom	41	3448	8750	35577					
1995	USA			8	1218					
1996	Algeria			11375	55199	4	470			Areas, nes
1996	Areas, nes			1	89	917	5560	101	5607	Indonesia
1996	Finland			13500	63917	886	10637			Papua New Guinea
1996	Germany	89	1328	2500	17611			23	830	Saudi Arabia
1996	Netherlands	183	3353	14687	201142					
1996	Spain			1750	21092					
1996	Switzerland	6	554	3	613					
1996	United Kingdom	49	3386	1875	9229					
1996	USA	882	11482	52	3177					
1997	Algeria			6875	31175			398	1553	Brunei Darussalam
1997	Finland			34500	160547	703	4751	468	4986	Indonesia
1997	Germany	41	576	9	719	44	2404	484	2564	Netherlands
1997	Netherlands	21281	59486	11500	154655	250	3561			Papua New Guinea
1997	Switzerland	16	1415	6	1166					
1997	United Kingdom	14	1123	13812	64147					
1997	USA			117	3692					
1998	Algeria			17250	70296	16	376			Areas, nes
1998	Areas, nes			366	1565	16	376			Areas, nes (re-export)

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1998	Finland			6875	30751	1875	5171			Malaysia
1998	Germany	13000	60000	14000	57634	712	65474			New Zealand
1998	Netherlands	1187	96452	1312	80382	17	1275			New Zealand (re-export)
1998	Spain	2562	35089			2000	13087	1750	17553	Papua New Guinea
1998	Switzerland			109	1319			50	1271	Saudi Arabia
1998	United Kingdom			144	10520	66	1792			Sri Lanka
1998	USA			113	2105	10312	16825			Thailand
1999	Belgium			3437	14424	7	1507			Fiji
1999	France	1125	4382	1125	4382	1	520			Fiji (re-export)
1999	Germany			222	31785			40	722	Ghana
1999	Netherlands	1125	101982	1187	102820	718	4434			Indonesia
1999	Russian Federation			7250	29469	10	1402			New Zealand
1999	United Kingdom			14500	59343	10	1402			New Zealand (re-export)
1999	USA	253	3298	109	727	2375	79886			Papua New Guinea
1999						21	502	78	1729	Saudi Arabia
1999								60	1877	Sri Lanka
1999						117	4218			USA
2000	Areas, nes			304	434	54	2292			Fiji
2000	Finland			17250	76116			18039	161660	India
2000	Germany	13375	51797	11687	49040	2812	18837	355	4843	Indonesia
2000	Netherlands	21996	202219	1375	112728	1062	6770	2312	15643	Papua New Guinea
2000	Singapore	30	13898			30000	55166	25031	64369	USA
2000	Spain	24	1596							
2000	Switzerland	9	2403	214	1821					
2000	United Kingdom	8	1474	3625	46153					
2000	USA			175	6097					
2001	Algeria			6875	26890			17531	146126	India
2001	Belgium			3437	16481			472	5636	Indonesia

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2001	Finland			10375	46602	1312	7770	2187	13874	Papua New Guinea
2001	Germany	19000	80579	21203	89899			30	698	Saudi Arabia
2001	Netherlands	11750	153153	1437	107897					
2001	Spain			6875	31007					
2001	Switzerland	19	3068	7250	35773					
2001	United Kingdom	3	1242	3	1374					
2001	USA			41	1285					
2002	Germany	3500	14560	3437	16031	5687	16987			Indonesia
2002	Netherlands	238	21732	242	21549	546	8178			Malaysia
2002	Spain	45941	193409	31050	146451	10	11426	0	1103	New Zealand
2002	Switzerland	14	4062	2	3021	2000	11957	2500	18220	Papua New Guinea
2002	United Kingdom			12062	58498	35	705			Philippines
2002	USA	6187	44457	113	3538	14375	27835			Thailand
2002								3	1328	United Kingdom
2002						117828	159076	106773	211750	USA
2003	Areas, nes			80	620			136	1355	Fiji
2003	France	74	1131			26460	117714			Indonesia
2003	Germany			28	4565	1437	17958			Malaysia
2003	Netherlands			6875	36678	10	2193			New Zealand
2003	Spain	44851	273793	30949	170843	3812	28407	6937	29525	Papua New Guinea
2003	United Kingdom	1	1225			11	969			Philippines
2003	USA	566	7399	34	973	523	11393	523	12180	Singapore
2003						11	1817			Solomon Isds
2003						34398	70367			Thailand
2003						2	1439			USA
2004	Areas, nes			3	238			230	2122	Fiji
2004	Germany			16	1349	50	4199			Indonesia
2004	Netherlands	17250	306078			11687	194071			Malaysia
2004	Spain	12062	158124	24351	249316	8437	22307	9062	53509	Netherlands
2004	Switzerland	3	665	1	532	35	9332			New Caledonia

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2004	United Kingdom			17250	303593	480	47335			New Zealand
2004						3250	30454			Papua New Guinea
2004						23	1791			Philippines
2004						3187	19052			Singapore

Explanation of table entries -

The purpose of the table above is to summarize all of the basic statistics for imports and exports of elemental mercury to and from the "target" country during 1995-2005. On the date of 11 April 2006, when these statistics were retrieved from the Comtrade database, the database was thought to be quite incomplete for the year 2005, mostly complete for the year 2004, and quite complete for previous years.

The six columns on the left side of this table present mercury flows from other countries into the target country. These six columns include four columns with details of the mercury import flows into the target country – two columns for reported mercury quantity, and two columns for reported mercury value. The rationale for presenting these four columns is quite simple. For a variety of reasons, the trade flow of mercury between the partner country (second column on the left) and the target country may have been recorded (and reported to Comtrade) by the partner country, by the target country, or by both countries. Regardless of which country or countries submitted trade statistics to the Comtrade database, and regardless of the details of the statistics submitted, all statistics concerning mercury flows into the target country are included in the left side of this table.

The five columns on the right side of this table list mercury flows from the target country into other countries. These five columns include four columns with details of the mercury export flows from the target country to each partner country (far right column) – two columns for reported mercury quantity, and two columns for reported mercury value. As described above, different countries may have submitted different sets of trade statistics to Comtrade. Regardless of which country or countries submitted trade statistics to the Comtrade database, and regardless of the details of the statistics submitted, all statistics concerning mercury flows leaving the target country are included in the right side of this table.

It is therefore possible that statistics submitted by some trade partners are not the same as those submitted by the target country. If the discrepancies are large, it could be useful for the reporting agencies of the partner country and the target country to compare their records in order to better understand the details of the mercury trade between their two countries. In the interest of improving its own understanding of global mercury trade and statistical challenges, UNEP Chemicals would be pleased to receive explanations of any such discrepancies investigated by the reporting agencies, as appropriate.