

BANGLADESH

Elemental mercury imports and exports

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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Bangladesh				Importing partner countries			
			Reported exports to target country		Reported imports from partner country (on left)				Reported exports to partner country (on right)	
Year	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Areas, nes			5153	47478					
1995	Germany			851	5546					
1995	Japan	97	2623	289	9187					
1995	Rep. of Korea	347	8797							
1995	Spain			605	1203					
1996	Areas, nes			2750	15623					
1996	Dem. Rep. of the Congo			718	4063					
1996	Germany	296	2657	355	2007					
1996	Poland			1562	8714					
1996	Rep. of Korea			960	5418					
1996	Russian Federation			3062	17291					
1996	United Kingdom			152	876					
1997	Areas, nes			4	260					
1997	Germany			78	2907					
1997	Japan	97	2165							
1997	Poland			2	10000					
1997	Rep. of Korea			207	5708					
1997	United Kingdom			2	793					
1998	Algeria			753	2488					
1998	Areas, nes			29	94					
1998	Germany	66	1000	792	2616					
1998	Japan	199	3916	679	2250					
1999	Japan	277	5840							
2000	Japan	597	13991	0	18609					
2001	Areas, nes			30	96					
2001	Germany	597	3581	2812	9069					
2001	Japan	199	4307							
2002	Germany			3000	5283					

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2002	Japan	199	3686	1375	8084					
2002	Spain	3437	16582							
2003	Algeria			550	4010					
2003	Areas, nes			41	730					
2003	Japan	250	6221							
2003	Spain			3437	17269					
2004	Germany	898	16000							
2004	Japan	199	7445							

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.