

CHINA, HONG KONG SAR
Elemental mercury imports and exports
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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: China, Hong Kong SAR				Importing partner countries			
			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	Australia	175	7167			1570875	6401480	10625	12136	China
1995	Belgium-Luxembourg			5187	25595	1570875	6401480	10625	12136	China (re-export)
1995	China	1750	10014	3437	20682	6187	25724			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
1995	Germany	97	3000			6187	25724			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea (re-export)
1995	Japan	1062	120005	1125	124355			41	736	Morocco
1995	Netherlands	296	4404	1123937	4333451					
1995	Other Asia, nes			199	22751					
1995	Russian Federation			357000	1350979					
1995	Spain	465750	1867062	414000	1697547					
1995	Switzerland	3	689							
1995	United Kingdom	871	3887	1937	7626					
1995	USA	51750	187587	69789	287491					
1996	Germany	89	1328			349062	1425724	31	26630	China
1996	Japan	546	52953	597	63871	349062	1425724	31	26630	China (re-export)
1996	Netherlands			296062	1354871	39859	205448			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
1996	Spain	120750	569906	120750	577814	39859	205448			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea (re-export)
1996	United Kingdom	183	937			398	5430			Indonesia
1996	USA			16906	76929	398	5430			Indonesia (re-export)
1996								41	895	Morocco
1997	Belgium-Luxembourg			51750	262723	702437	2921392	199	8000	China
1997	China	1312	9406			702437	2921392	199	8000	China (re-export)
1997	Japan	726	58473	1000	87316	7812	38362			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea

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1997	Netherlands			417125	1767378	7812	38362			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea (re-export)
1997	Russian Federation			103500	490314					
1997	Spain	155250	762052	120750	575305					
1997	United Kingdom	4937	27635	11062	51149					
1997	USA	96511	244658	67683	327177					
1998	Belgium-Luxembourg			81050	351162	352125	1631271	62	518	China
1998	Japan	476	35368	417	33179	352125	1631271	62	518	China (re-export)
1998	Netherlands	17250	70193	550437	2286689			70	3225	Rep. of Korea
1998	Russian Federation			51750	224770			128	2532	Singapore
1998	Spain	69609	301282	160648	698452			296	1381	Venezuela
1998	USA			17250	96847					
1999	Belgium			17250	51557	122726	325301	85	1253	China
1999	China, Macao SAR	8000	7109			122726	325301	85	1253	China (re-export)
1999	China, Macao SAR (re-export)	8000	7109					296	2277	Ghana
1999	Germany	48	544			18976	111530	1875	84496	Singapore
1999	Japan	386	33190	238	23201	18976	111530			Singapore (re-export)
1999	Netherlands			121300	440498					
1999	Spain	23976	184503	18976	111531					
1999	Switzerland	2	587							
1999	USA	16386	60895	16386	63416					
2000	China	1562	10501	18269	51337	3250	36084			China
2000	Japan	988	81386	816	73837	3250	36084			China (re-export)
2000	Netherlands	97	1671			5187	18768			India
2000	Russian Federation			52027	207288	5187	18768			India (re-export)
2000	Spain	5250	93184					304	3613	Morocco

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2000	Switzerland	2	532			1750	2502	0	4986	Nepal
2000	USA	359	4690	2687	3015	1750	2502	0	4986	Nepal (re-export)
2000						4562	15459			Netherlands
2000						4562	15459			Netherlands (re-export)
2001	Algeria	17250	69146			97	9379			China
2001	Japan			269	22646	97	9379			China (re-export)
2001	Netherlands			17250	70011					
2001	Poland			10937	45972					
2001	Russian Federation			17250	70011					
2001	United Kingdom			18980	139637					
2001	USA	906	11779							
2002	Belgium			51750	238001	3	260			Areas, nes
2002	Japan			35	8937	3	260			Areas, nes (re-export)
2002	Netherlands	273	3779	34500	152603			152	2524	Malaysia
2002	Singapore	78	8190			8	522			Other Asia, nes
2002	USA	18171	61949	1	1478	8	522			Other Asia, nes (re-export)
2002						34500	141680			Viet Nam
2002						34500	141680			Viet Nam (re-export)
2003	Areas, nes			1	63	277	24420			China
2003	Japan	500	37085	8	1961	277	24420			China (re-export)
2003	Singapore	3250	92004			199	3337			Malaysia
2003	USA	17238	75000			199	3337			Malaysia (re-export)
2004	Japan	289	23002	417	11219	339	29646			China
2004	Netherlands	12062	105758	63750	562156	339	29646			China (re-export)

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2004	Other Asia, nes			3375	89759			32	3871	Singapore
2004	Singapore	97	7260							

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.