

EL SALVADOR

Elemental mercury imports and exports

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Filter: Trade value ≥ \$US 0

Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: El Salvador				Importing partner countries			
	Country name	Reported exports to target country	Reported imports from partner country (on left)		Reported exports to partner country (on right)		Reported imports from target country		Country name	
Year		Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	
1995	Areas, nes			61	98					
1995	Germany			386	4112					
1995	Mexico	33	1000							
1995	USA			66	2048					
1996	Areas, nes			21	142					
1996	Germany	89	1328	1125	9741					
1996	USA			230	3224					
1997	Areas, nes			21	475					
1997	Germany	41	576	121	2084					
1997	Mexico			113	2764					
1997	USA			23	551					
1998	Germany			70	506					
1998	Mexico			589	5664					
1998	USA			320	949					
1999	Argentina	117	2060	125	2385					
1999	Germany	199	1088	921	2959					
1999	Mexico			171	1962					
1999	USA			855	1602					
2000	Germany	97	1412	238	1369					
2000	Mexico	78	759	281	3155					
2000	USA			109	1336					
2001	Germany	199	2686	277	2222					
2001	Mexico			60	714					
2001	USA			984	1206					
2002	Areas, nes			26	536					
2002	Germany	66	1820	320	2114					
2003	Areas, nes			26	362					
2003	Germany	97	1000	226	2301					
2003	Mexico	1500	1372							
2004	Areas, nes			84	546					

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Year	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
2004	Germany	48	2000	175	2792					
2004	Mexico	1500	2874							
2004	USA	222	2917	191	716					

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.