

**GUATEMALA**
**Elemental mercury imports and exports**
**Data source:** UN DESA/ESD/UNSD - Comtrade statistics - downloaded 11Apr2006

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**Filter:** Trade value ≥ \$US 0

**Comments:**

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country:				Importing partner countries			
			Guatemala							
Year	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
		Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	
1995	Argentina	50	989	113	1193					
1995	Germany	74	1000	109	2079					
1995	USA			43	651					
1996	Areas, nes			5	48					
1996	Germany	136	1993	117	2719					
1997	Germany	41	576	66	2148					
1997	Mexico	101	1070							
1997	USA	507	15599	20519	6454					
1998	Germany	132	2000	375	4233					
1998	Mexico			296	2383					
1998	USA	941	12260	140	1824					
1999	Germany	93	1088	6	583					
1999	Mexico			74	1297					
1999	USA	972	12352	109	512					
2000	Areas, nes			19	300					
2000	Germany			62	1302					
2000	Mexico			296	2388					
2000	USA	269	12212							
2001	Areas, nes			148	430					
2001	Germany			62	801					
2002	Areas, nes			1	50					
2002	Mexico	414	1919	97	2106					
2002	USA	1500	15759	269	1481					
2003	Germany	398	5000	859	5743					
2003	Mexico	14187	1232	851	1340					
2003	USA			29	780					
2004	Germany	398	5000	414	5134					
2004	USA			135355	35389					

### ***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.