

REP. OF KOREA
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: Rep. of Korea				Importing partner countries			
	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Finland			1750	8031	347	8797			Bangladesh
1995	Germany	398	18000	398	16742	66	1139	500	3410	Pakistan
1995	Russian Federation			11062	51492					
1995	Spain	2187	13647	12062	57878					
1995	United Kingdom	45	26954	40	36832					
1995	USA	3312	17729	507	5654					
1996	France	0	13680					960	5418	Bangladesh
1996	Germany	398	17276	632	42615	273	4947			Pakistan
1996	Russian Federation			24253	125136	238	5008	250	5562	Singapore
1996	Spain	Spain	8500	48644	46727					
1996	United Kingdom	United Kingdom	20	17969	18054					
1996	USA	5062	50050	6812	67179					
1997	Germany	4000	43254	812	30091			207	5708	Bangladesh
1997	Israel	0	52000			2125	2652			Germany
1997	Netherlands	1000	13333	2937	30000	515	4118	1250	10107	Pakistan
1997	Russian Federation			13812	70111					
1997	Spain	8687	47950	8625	50082					
1997	United Kingdom	18	5975	14	2445					
1997	USA	2000	19199	10625	96518					
1998	Areas, nes			4	140	515	5946	1750	10460	Pakistan
1998	China; Hong Kong SAR			70	3225	78	1800			United Arab Emirates
1998	Germany	1000	50000	1250	19233			2000	8615	United Kingdom
1998	Netherlands	3437	15654							
1998	Russian Federation			1750	9262					
1998	Spain	3500	19078	2312	13964					
1998	United Kingdom	27	158949	6875	30600					

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		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
1998	USA	1000	9646	5562	43608					
1999	Germany	97	7619			515	5918	1187	6883	Pakistan
1999	Kazakhstan			6875	30600	1375	12770			Viet Nam
1999	Kyrgyzstan			3437	15300					
1999	Netherlands	2250	31416	2000	17600					
1999	Spain	5187	27058	5187	28968					
1999	United Kingdom	62	29161	3437	17658					
1999	USA	4437	33000	4562	34369					
2000	Germany	296	9417	398	8016	1062	5340			Spain
2000	Indonesia	100000	6199			101	1125			Sri Lanka
2000	Japan	343	3340	546	23667					
2000	Kazakhstan			3437	12800					
2000	Spain	7562	38435	6562	35710					
2000	United Kingdom	11	1034							
2000	USA	13625	68212	503	7503					
2001	Germany	199	12534	472	9617			66	683	Mongolia
2001	Italy	97	751	18	36783			0	1345	Sri Lanka
2001	Japan			1375	19686					
2001	Netherlands	4437	25973	1000	9100					
2001	Spain	7187	37935	6562	35906					
2001	USA	2500	32285	4750	36945					
2002	Czech Rep.			3812	17207	3437	15718			Netherlands
2002	Finland			6875	31923			62	562	Sri Lanka
2002	Germany	101	2730	199	1884					
2002	Japan	687	5757	687	5729					
2002	Kyrgyzstan			3437	16100					
2002	Netherlands	2000	17952	1000	9050					
2002	Singapore	1187	6787							
2002	Spain	9125	49071	10875	58871					
2002	United Kingdom	62	10861							
2002	USA	6500	34300	1000	10170					

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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
2003	Germany	31	1000					2437	19244	South Africa
2003	Italy			292	1038472					
2003	Japan	687	6229	808	374971					
2003	Netherlands	11062	58858	2500	23750					
2003	Singapore	1062	7511							
2003	Spain	5437	32786	17183	97477					
2003	United Kingdom	66	11618							
2003	USA	41	3031	718	7639					
2004	Germany			523	8069	13	134			Areas, nes
2004	Italy			117	451218	74	99695			Japan
2004	Japan			1312	3644356			19	545	Sri Lanka
2004	Netherlands	2500	32349	2500	30625					
2004	Spain	3750	34303	3750	34085					
2004	United Kingdom	33	7627							
2004	USA	476	8060	800	14110					

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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.