

NEW ZEALAND

Elemental mercury imports and exports

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Filter: Trade value ≥ \$US 0

Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: New Zealand				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	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Areas, nes			0	493	0	257			Areas, nes
1995	United Kingdom	204289	38894			0	257			Areas, nes (re-export)
1996	Areas, nes			0	396	0	359			Areas, nes
1996	Sweden			0	1230	0	359			Areas, nes (re-export)
1996	United Kingdom	103339	20248	0	1062	0	2913			India
1996						0	2913			India (re-export)
1996						0	2957			Papua New Guinea
1996						0	2957			Papua New Guinea (re-export)
1997	Areas, nes			11	214	0	1193			Fiji
1997	Germany	41	576			0	1193			Fiji (re-export)
1997	Spain	4	820	20	1077	0	563			Tonga
1997	Sweden			89	2786	0	563			Tonga (re-export)
1997	United Kingdom	10	1120							
1998	Areas, nes			11	474	74	1003			Fiji
1998	Australia	712	65474					2	697	Papua New Guinea
1999	Australia (re-export)	17	1275							
1998	Spain	11	1726	34	1956					
1999	Areas, nes			0	14	45	537			Fiji
1999	Australia	10	1402							
1999	Australia (re-export)	10	1402							
1999	Germany			18	1380					
1999	United Kingdom	20	4677	9	528					
2000	Areas, nes			0	235					
2000	Spain	8	857	0	1275					

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2001	Areas, nes			0	102	0	592			Papua New Guinea
2001	United Kingdom			0	592					
2001	USA	250	3282							
2002	Australia	10	11426	0	1103	0	45			Areas, nes
2002	France			0	717					
2002	Germany			0	1108					
2002	Spain	28	3478	0	3361					
2003	Areas, nes			0	367			21	740	Fiji
2003	Australia	10	2193							
2003	France			0	1710					
2003	Germany			0	1828					
2003	USA	214	2808							
2004	Areas, nes			2	75			24	1116	Fiji
2004	Australia	480	47335							
2004	France	0	1234	7	1883					
2004	Germany	24	1000	4	1436					

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.