

PHILIPPINES

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: Philippines				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			4	287					
1995	Netherlands	33667	176402	570	6933					
1995	Spain	127648	578788	192601	828877					
1995	USA	85	9054							
1996	Netherlands	472	8249	18976	87212					
1996	Russian Federation			20609	79240					
1996	Spain	38070	178542	59519	256201					
1996	United Kingdom			19000	81500					
1997	France	1000	2743							
1997	Netherlands	1687	6153	207	3288					
1997	USA			5000	873					
1998	Germany	17000	77000							
1998	Netherlands	187	2524	20875	78108					
1998	Spain	20699	88480	18519	74876					
1999	Japan	97	2933	117	1737			832	3224	Indonesia
1999	Netherlands			21148	71186					
1999	Spain	19117	71566	42589	145649					
1999	Switzerland	19	1843							
2000	China			10250	8496					
2000	Germany	183	941	74	1031					
2000	Spain			19531	70875					
2000	United Kingdom			160	579					
2000	USA			11	1150					
2001	Areas, nes			10	226					
2001	Singapore	32773	122917	19949	47350					
2001	Spain	19390	84188	109	913					
2001	United Kingdom	10	2473							
2002	Areas, nes			8	250					
2002	Australia	35	705							
2002	Japan	16	2023							

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2002	Spain	101	593	113	554					
2002	USA	277	3635							
2003	Areas, nes			360	521					
2003	Australia	11	969							
2003	Singapore	20	2366							
2003	Spain	5125	28192	5375	26432					
2004	Australia	23	1791							
2004	Russian Federation			9250	50000					
2004	Spain	277	3878	234	2753					

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.