

SAUDI ARABIA
Elemental mercury imports and exports
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Filter: Trade value ≥ \$US 0

Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Saudi Arabia				Importing partner countries			
			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
1995	Areas, nes			15	488	18	166			Areas, nes
1995	Finland			1750	10222					
1995	Germany			13	1723					
1995	Switzerland			6	671					
1995	United Kingdom	10	975	472	1425					
1996	Areas, nes			61	140					
1996	Australia			23	830					
1996	Germany	46	664							
1996	Russian Federation			4125	23844					
1996	Spain			398	1059					
1996	Switzerland	3	550	12	2043					
1996	United Kingdom	136	2733	125	3926					
1996	USA			11	1135					
1997	Germany	738	10381					2375	13228	Yemen
1997	USA	308	11655							
1998	Australia			50	1271					
1998	Belgium-Luxembourg	52	16449							
1998	China			2062	12016					
1998	Germany	132	2000							
1998	Spain	273	14879	97	2022					
1998	United Kingdom	11	1560	70	1507					
1998	USA			62	3315					
1999	Areas, nes			1	267					
1999	Australia	21	502	78	1729					
1999	Czech Rep.			2062	12016					
1999	Germany	93	1088							
1999	Spain	50	2528	125	4195					
1999	Switzerland	8	686							
1999	United Kingdom			18222	56406					
1999	USA			32	1880					

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2000	Areas, nes			1	74			0	158708	Sudan
2000	Finland			3437	20027					
2000	Netherlands	3437	21308							
2000	Spain	199	5945							
2000	Sweden			33	1183					
2000	United Kingdom			52	2876					
2000	USA			10	1208					
2001	Areas, nes			4	46					
2001	Australia			30	698					
2001	China			597	1373					
2001	Germany			515	3920					
2001	India			199	1572					
2001	South Africa	45859	12726							
2001	Spain	500	14463							
2001	United Kingdom			328	7119					
2001	USA			32	730					
2002	Areas, nes			10	266					
2002	Spain	3437	16129	500	14527					
2002	USA	89	2763	265	5240					
2003	Areas, nes			23	390					
2003	India			207	829					
2003	Netherlands	359	6791							
2003	South Africa	125	1543	66	1638					
2003	USA	347	4547	4	3378					
2004	Germany	1687	98000					29000	9652	Qatar
2004	Netherlands	1125	13686							
2004	Spain	14	745							
2004	USA	1750	25000							

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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.