

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

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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Venezuela				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	Germany			59	2022					
1995	Russian Federation			8250	37811					
1995	USA	15312	67000	152	9579					
1996	Germany			66	2308			30878	95242	India
1996	Mexico			398	2074					
1996	Netherlands	36789	225052							
1996	USA			453	5846					
1997	Areas, nes			158	388					
1997	Canada			60	1184					
1997	China	171	1179							
1997	Germany	82	1153							
1997	Honduras	66	516							
1997	Mexico			1125	4333					
1997	Spain	296	1387	273	1594					
1997	United Kingdom			3	622					
1997	USA			851	7958					
1998	Areas, nes			164	266					
1998	China	1875	16302							
1998	China; Hong Kong SAR			296	1381					
1998	Germany	132	2000							
1998	Mexico			1875	8091					
1998	USA	14437	44100	14562	20817					
1999	Areas, nes			50	105					
1999	Mexico	500	3550							
1999	Spain	9	1135							
1999	USA			2625	5521					
2000	Areas, nes			2	268					
2000	Mexico	593	4000							
2000	Spain			6500	1355					
2000	USA			667	6447					
2001	Areas, nes			2	53					
2001	Germany	332	1790	20	900					
2001	Mexico			875	7197					

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2001	USA			359	3008					
2002	Areas, nes			13	336					
2002	Chile	0	1639							
2002	Germany	66	1820	19	1407					
2002	Mexico	625	4000	582	4579					
2002	Spain	48	2040	48	1643					
2003	Areas, nes			3	211	17019	649			USA
2003	Colombia	6	612	6	612					

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.