

BULGARIA**Elemental mercury imports and exports**

Data source: UN DESA/ESD/UNSD - Comtrade statistics - downloaded 11Apr2006

Tariff system: SITC rev.2

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Filter: Trade value ≥ \$US 0

Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Bulgaria				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
Year	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Germany	597	10000							
1996	Germany	1125	13953	523	5587					
1996	Netherlands			500	3797					
1996	Slovenia	128	2441	30	1126					
1997	Areas, nes			1	1	14	455			Areas, nes
1997	Germany	781	10957	597	7979			327250	67081	Yemen
1997	Netherlands			2625	15689					
1997	Slovenia	218	4215	175	2266					
1997	TFYR of Macedonia			50	959					
1998	Germany	66	1000	523	4510	60	1673			TFYR of Macedonia
1998	Netherlands			597	3936					
1998	Russian Federation	2000	14000	2000	14799					
1998	Serbia and Montenegro			117	2526					
1998	Slovenia	257	3350	109	2422					
1999	Netherlands	597	3866	597	4244					
1999	Slovenia	47	614	40	1061					
2000	Germany	371	1883	546	5198					
2000	Netherlands			597	3353					
2000	Slovenia	175	1148	109	1464					
2001	Areas, nes			1	17					
2001	Germany	332	1790	10	1934					
2001	Netherlands			597	3743					
2002	Areas, nes			4	116					
2002	Germany	35	910	898	6561					
2002	Italy	796	1362							
2002	Netherlands	597	3779	597	3971					
2003	Areas, nes			6	118					

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2003	Germany	62	2000	10	2170					
2003	Netherlands	296	3395	296	3470					
2004	Areas, nes			10	301					
2004	Germany	24	1000	50	1152					
2004	Netherlands	296	6221	296	6349					

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.