

CANADA

Elemental mercury imports and exports

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Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Canada				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			48	450	107394	254605	107394	255574	USA
1995	Germany	74	1000							
1995	United Kingdom	761	4327							
1995	USA	2937	21729	6125	35516					
1996	Germany	89	1328			137066	799277	137066	796072	USA
1996	Japan			113	1085					
1996	USA	4187	28526	5312	34862					
1997	Areas, nes			49	338				1558	Spain
1997	Germany			214	1874	4250	4747	4250	4750	USA
1997	USA	2625	20582	6875	45547			60	1184	Venezuela
1998	Areas, nes			93	663			421	19102	Chile
1998	Germany			277	1021	8062	9341	8062	9326	USA
1998	Spain			511	3395					
1998	Switzerland	332	588							
1998	USA	6198	42775	10500	68263					
1998	USA (re-export)	511	3345	10500	68263					
1999	Areas, nes			25	149	1750	5607	1750	5593	USA
1999	Germany	48	544	253	1726					
1999	USA	4375	32026	9125	54975					
2000	Areas, nes			43	319	4125	16765	4125	16802	USA
2000	USA	7312	47722	11687	61611					
2001	Areas, nes			45	309	8062	11150	8062	11426	USA
2001	Spain			664	1798					
2001	United Kingdom	148	2557							
2001	USA	2687	20472	6687	40044					
2002	Areas, nes			68	317	11250	13896	11250	13699	USA
2002	Argentina			1062	4543					
2002	Germany			210	1301					
2002	Spain			1375	10032					
2002	United Kingdom	3875	18049							
2002	USA	3625	25717	5625	33761					

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2002	USA (re-export)	2000	14844	5625	33761					
2003	Areas, nes			13	136			816	13692	Singapore
2003	Sweden			289	2419			2	1189	Thailand
2003	USA	5226	40365	8062	56686	6437	8949	6437	8462	USA
2003	USA (re-export)	289	2604	8062	56686					
2004	Areas, nes			44	356	9	83			Areas, nes
2004	Bosnia Herzegov	48300	40068					24148	184780	India
2004	Italy	1125	5575			2312	14939	2312	15136	USA
2004	USA	3625	28423	7250	47310					

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.