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Elemental mercury imports and exports

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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries	Target country: China						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			3	20	1750	10014	3437	20682	China, Hong Kong SAR, Cuba
1995	China, Hong Kong SAR	1570875	6401480	10625	12136	1750	10250			
1995	China, Hong Kong SAR (re-export)	1570875	6401480	10625	12136			1750	14925	Indonesia
1995	Germany			2000	13923	12375	64449			Myanmar
1995	Japan	38	65250	320	58158			3937	21805	So. African Customs Union
1995	Kyrgyzstan	109800	453300	137812	350010			66	1132	Uganda
1995	Other Asia, nes			156	27559			0	1000	Uruguay
1995	Russian Federation			463687	729995					
1995	Spain	28210	121129	146210	249141					
1995	Ukraine			1000	7185					
1995	USA			37121	107337					
1996	Areas, nes			1	122	52	333			Areas, nes
1996	China, Hong Kong SAR	349062	1425724	31	26630	5000	31466			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
1996	China, Hong Kong SAR (re-export)	349062	1425724	31	26630			796	5578	Malaysia
1996	France	0	21498					16	1814	Singapore
1996	Germany	199	4651	2062	15271	1000	10513	15000	76933	Thailand
1996	Japan	113	228444	105	194266			66	1132	Uganda
1996	Kyrgyzstan	28300	123000	20285	56800					
1996	Netherlands	105	113516	1125	201533					
1996	Other Asia, nes			1187	76367					
1996	Russian Federation			296	2507					
1996	Ukraine	40	6370							
1996	USA			6	8170					
1997	Areas, nes			55	351	1312	9406			China, Hong Kong SAR

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1997	Belgium-Luxembourg	3	2377			14312	79550			Cuba
1997	China, Hong Kong SAR	702437	2921392	199	8000			101	2662	Malaysia
1997	China, Hong Kong SAR (re-export)	702437	2921392	199	8000			3437	17713	Pakistan
1997	Free Zones			183	5971			699	8401	Singapore
1997	Germany	656	9227	476	9168	171	1179			Venezuela
1997	Italy	8500	19026							
1997	Japan	250	400445	578	262810					
1997	Kyrgyzstan			358500	1025281					
1997	Malaysia			19097	4937					
1997	Netherlands	78191	281023	35777	353569					
1997	Other Asia, nes			20515	84005					
1997	Russian Federation			15812	35192					
1997	Spain	105500	483813							
1997	Ukraine			40	6830					
1997	USA	30	3052	30035	8416					
1998	Algeria			30000	124320	74066	371385			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
1998	Areas, nes			98	562			691	3784	Egypt
1998	China, Hong Kong SAR	352125	1631271	62	518			179	2699	Malaysia
1998	China, Hong Kong SAR (re-export)	352125	1631271	62	518	5000	55005			Myanmar
1998	Germany	269	4000	269	9539			93	3029	Netherlands
1998	Japan	20500	326595	785	300586			2062	12016	Saudi Arabia
1998	Kyrgyzstan			382562	1071103	5000	30123	8437	40119	Singapore
1998	Malaysia			32003	106656	2500	16524	47	3818	USA
1998	Netherlands	566	235828	12750	245889	1875	16302			Venezuela
1998	Other Asia, nes			1250	45671					
1998	Russian Federation			15000	45000					
1998	Spain	37949	180849	48976	101268					

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1998	Switzerland			34	66996					
1999	Algeria			17250	56925	2000	8000			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
1999	Areas, nes			28	199			37	2056	Cameroon
1999	China, Hong Kong SAR	122726	325301	85	1253			8000	7109	China, Macao SAR
1999	China, Hong Kong SAR (re-export)	122726	325301	85	1253					
1999	Germany			12	6131			5187	19133	India
1999	Japan	191	313948	488	365535			27378	87494	Indonesia
1999	Kyrgyzstan			571937	1704559			24	17878	Netherlands
1999	Netherlands	222	78299	10	8739	85	967			Panama
1999	Russian Federation			207136	814914					
1999	Spain	166199	654672	86250	346250					
1999	USA	1250	4350							
2000	Areas, nes			10	99	1562	10501	18269	51337	China, Hong Kong SAR
2000	China, Hong Kong SAR	3250	36084			2000	8399			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
2000	China, Hong Kong SAR (re-export)	3250	36084					97	3791	France
2000	Japan	191	312770	1375	354825	687	5699	687	5554	Malaysia
2000	Kyrgyzstan	482125	1768872	428437	1493179			10250	8496	Philippines
2000	Netherlands	74	43034					5000	5039	Slovakia
2000	Spain	331812	1287666	345000	1373500					
2000	Switzerland	1	522							
2001	Areas, nes			10	45	10000	65533			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
2001	China, Hong Kong SAR	97	9379					18000	66199	India
2001	China, Hong Kong SAR (re-export)					20000	2949			Iran
2001	Germany	164	895					6125	21412	Italy
2001	Japan	191	241939	156	253442	20000	15000			Other Asia, nes
2001	Kyrgyzstan	233898	847399	288437	1009469			597	1373	Saudi Arabia

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2001	Spain	103500	425243	138000	598000			964	3641	Slovakia
2001	Switzerland	3	752					5000	21575	Spain
2001								207	1280	Uruguay
2002	Kyrgyzstan			190058	739990			6187	40512	India
2002	Netherlands	82	6614					964	3816	Slovakia
2002	Singapore	10	3586			296	3718	0	4000	Viet Nam
2002	Spain	49472	221949	34500	160000					
2002	Switzerland	21	2895							
2002	Viet Nam	0	157000							
2003	China, Hong Kong	277	24420					12625	6330	Colombia
2003	China, Hong Kong	277	24420					339	6636	Italy
2003	France	226	3395	3	3386			199	1979	Malaysia
2003	Germany	31	1000					7	588	Spain
2003	Kyrgyzstan			175500	776455	199	2669	0	23000	Viet Nam
2003	Netherlands	789	89420							
2003	Switzerland	12	1035	3	2284					
2003	Viet Nam	0	172000							
2004	China, Hong Kong	339	29646					722	5244	Slovakia
2004	China, Hong Kong	339	29646			0	745			Viet Nam
2004	France	0	37038							
2004	Kyrgyzstan	405875	2835709	0	2846031					
2004	Netherlands	648	43547							
2004	USA	70	2539							

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.