

COLOMBIA
Elemental mercury imports and exports
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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Colombia				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	Algeria			15875	28210	14	179			Areas, nes
1995	Areas, nes			446	9419					
1995	Costa Rica			70	1318					
1995	Germany	3500	17000	22777	38682					
1995	Mexico			382	3566					
1995	Netherlands	476	8858							
1995	Russian Federation			8250	41121					
1995	Spain			2000	9446					
1995	USA	148	3000	1687	19304					
1996	Areas, nes			312	6707					
1996	Germany			27601	32716					
1996	Netherlands	312	5504							
1996	Russian Federation			55871	147985					
1996	Spain	18628	97501	11187	60257					
1996	USA	2062	26455	253	3399					
1997	Areas, nes			1	161	33	563			Areas, nes
1997	Germany	203	2883	12	2158					
1997	Mexico			1250	9510					
1997	Spain	29855	155370	23632	65636					
1997	USA			49	9374					
1998	Algeria			37949	48039	1	83			Areas, nes
1998	Areas, nes			1	173	29	676	207	750	Ecuador
1998	France	17300	102250	28253	156843	343	2100	386	2531	Peru
1998	Germany	2000	14000	2750	14144					
1998	Kyrgyzstan			10375	61889					
1998	Netherlands	1187	6059	261	15284					
1998	Spain	10875	56320	16843	69475					
1998	USA	292	11625	148	2285					
1999	Algeria			6875	9426	20	299			Areas, nes
1999	Areas, nes			8	302	187	2090	78	2458	Chile
1999	Germany	6875	28845	13812	19966					
1999	Kyrgyzstan			2750	12696					
1999	Spain	2750	13697	2750	14851					

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2000	Areas, nes			1	215	3	34			Areas, nes
2000	France			1	663					
2000	Germany	6000	26369	13875	41557					
2000	Kyrgyzstan			15187	71990					
2000	Netherlands	14062	60164	3625	15435					
2000	Russian Federation			12312	60087					
2000	Spain	16824	79815	23039	100953					
2000	Switzerland			97	7543					
2000	USA			34	1025					
2001	Algeria			2062	11605					
2001	Areas, nes			6	561					
2001	Germany	5375	25069	5437	27755					
2001	Netherlands	34031	128971	30808	122240					
2001	Spain	17250	85402	18187	97652					
2001	Switzerland			308	4540					
2001	USA	179	8540							
2002	Algeria			1750	9314	11	293			Areas, nes
2002	Areas, nes			3	206					
2002	Germany			8	1229					
2002	Netherlands	41398	199370	43125	168809					
2002	Spain	15437	78254	3812	19520					
2002	USA	4187	21345	4062	20072					
2003	China			12625	6330	6	612	6	612	Venezuela
2003	France	4000	9054	4000	8158					
2003	Germany	7687	51000	7625	43195					
2003	Italy			4	673					
2003	Spain	92105	487995	86871	453886					
2004	France			398	1113	34	450			Areas, nes
2004	Germany	3500	35000	3437	26539					
2004	Italy			3	566					
2004	Netherlands	6250	87095	10375	126686					
2004	Peru			1750	6209					
2004	Spain	17585	215421	7187	87414					

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2004	USA			34	1345					

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.