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Elemental mercury imports and exports

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Filter: Trade value ≥ \$US 0

Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Ecuador				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		Country name	
Year	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Areas, nes			6190	30879					
1995	Argentina	125	2159							
1995	Belgium-Luxembourg			1750	8237					
1995	Peru	97	1574	97	1708					
1996	Argentina	128	2224	62	2444					
1996	Belgium-Luxembourg			3125	15627					
1996	Germany			11312	69059					
1996	Netherlands			2812	14174					
1996	Spain			515	3009					
1996	USA	97	3679	85	1770					
1997	Areas, nes			265	399					
1997	Argentina	179	3160	82	3159					
1997	Germany	41	576	4187	27845					
1997	USA	253	2625	62	3208					
1998	Argentina	128	2246	30	2576			1875	34446	Ethiopia
1998	Colombia	29	676	207	750					
1998	Germany	2000	11000	7062	32462					
1998	Mexico			125	1564					
1998	Spain	1000	5168							
1998	USA			2062	12048					
1999	Areas, nes			45	319					
1999	Germany	2375	11973	5500	30848					
1999	Netherlands			1062	5460					
1999	Peru	796	5030	796	3360					
1999	Spain	2875	13515	2875	16281					
1999	USA			1187	7747					
2000	Areas, nes			3	36			0	2000	Dominican Rep.
2000	Argentina	60	1121	78	1197					
2000	Germany	2500	10830	4125	21990					
2000	Netherlands			3125	15157					
2000	Peru	1000	5000							

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2000	USA			867	4549					
2001	Algeria			2062	11498					
2001	Czech Rep.			2062	11147					
2001	Germany	6312	32231	3625	19936					
2001	Russian Federation			1062	6230					
2001	Spain	687	3433	652	3672					
2001	United Kingdom	30	3930							
2001	USA			460	5024					
2002	Belgium			2062	11746					
2002	Germany	1000	5460	1250	8674					
2002	Netherlands			1062	5751					
2002	Spain			1062	5840					
2002	USA	445	12187	722	4746					
2003	Algeria			4125	26630	33	1107			USA
2003	Germany	3125	19000	3125	18807					
2003	Spain	1062	5844							
2003	USA	2437	31628	2687	14281					
2004	Czech Rep.			2937	24281					
2004	Germany	3500	38000	2187	23755					
2004	Russian Federation			4937	43115					
2004	USA			1500	7394					

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.