

EGYPT

Elemental mercury imports and exports

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

Tarif system: SITC rev.2

Tarif code: 52216

Filter: Trade value ≥ \$US 0

Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country:				Importing partner countries			
			Egypt							
		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	1000	6000	2000	7364					
1995	Netherlands	1187	23428	13812	79910					
1995	Russian Federation			2125	8258					
1995	Spain	2000	8747							
1995	Switzerland	97	4672							
1996	Germany			1000	5749					
1996	Netherlands	859	21559	6625	43425					
1996	Russian Federation			15000	81326					
1996	Spain	41	2007							
1996	USA			5000	25184					
1997	India			136	1736					
1997	Netherlands	3687	13333	898	18983					
1997	USA	3375	7250							
1998	China			691	3784					
1998	Netherlands	2062	16159	1750	20430					
1998	Spain	2312	11449							
1998	United Kingdom	718	8473							
1999	Areas, nes			24	288					
1999	Italy	398	1913							
1999	Netherlands	320	7250	1937	19477					
1999	Spain			2312	11010					
1999	Sweden	0	846							
2000	Netherlands	515	1253					14375	7936	Yemen
2000	United Kingdom			0	9992					
2000	USA	1875	45000							
2001	Germany			546	9433					
2001	Hungary			1625	11759					
2001	Spain	9812	40847							
2002	Hungary			0	12991					
2002	Spain	1500	6542	0	7932					

EGYPT**Elemental mercury imports and exports****Data source:** UN DESA/ESD/UNSD - Comtrade statistics - downloaded 11Apr2006**Tarif system:** SITC rev.2**Tarif code:** 52216**Filter:** Trade value ≥ \$US 0**Comments:**

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country:				Importing partner countries			
			Egypt							
		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
2003	Germany			1375	20169					
2003	Japan	1937	37120							
2003	Netherlands			507	1011					
2003	Spain			1625	5972					
2003	United Kingdom			3	2714					
2004	Japan			718	20331					

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.