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Elemental mercury imports and exports

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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country:				Importing partner countries			
			Iran							
		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	Czech Rep.	699	5395							
1995	Germany	148	2000							
1995	United Kingdom	949	8194							
1996	Czech Rep.	1000	4127							
1996	Germany	199	10631							
1996	Spain	21976	119752							
1997	Algeria			54000	294822					
1997	France	97	2915	101	5826					
1997	Netherlands			20011	128085					
1997	Spain	10000	78160	10000	104225					
1998	Belgium-Luxembourg			54027	248938					
1998	Germany			398	6221					
1998	Japan	97	2605	97	3617					
1998	Netherlands			6000	39373					
1998	Spain			5000	29507					
1998	Switzerland	6	776							
1999	Belgium			20011	109667					
1999	France			30015	154839					
1999	Germany	20300	78916							
1999	Japan	2125	62710	2125	75897					
1999	Russian Federation			70035	334294					
1999	Spain	19	4122							
1999	Switzerland	2	576							
2000	France			30015	154839					
2000	Germany			6	3490					
2000	Italy	500	54321							
2000	Japan	207	6336							
2000	Netherlands	1000	10027	1000	12114					
2000	Spain	70035	265187	70035	323172					
2000	United Kingdom			80039	391659					

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2001	Belgium	2437	11591	2437	13876					
2001	China	20000	2949							
2001	Germany	597	8057	585	4186					
2001	Japan	3812	103354	2625	91429					
2001	Spain	125062	532336	125062	627159					
2002	Austria	500	13169	500	13187					
2002	France			65550	313208					
2002	Germany	66	1820	550	3913					
2002	Japan	2125	51460	2125	54886					
2002	Netherlands			378	3472					
2002	Spain	100050	450197	34500	157697					
2003	Algeria	37949	172753	37949	210738					
2003	Germany	398	4000							
2003	Hungary			8	13207					
2003	Japan	1062	26979	1062	28585					
2003	Netherlands	515	4527	851	8222					
2003	Spain	170582	896862	147316	756360					
2004	Austria	1500	52864							
2004	Germany	2312	139000							
2004	Netherlands	2000	28617							
2004	Spain	113218	963121							

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.