

IRELAND
Elemental mercury imports and exports
Data source: UN DESA/ESD/UNSD - Comtrade statistics - downloaded 11Apr2006

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Filter: Trade value ≥ \$US 0

Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Ireland				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	Netherlands	398	5503	398	5539					
1995	United Kingdom	41	997	47539	163027					
1995	USA			183	1348					
1996	Areas, nes			150000	754544					
1996	United Kingdom	70	3476	3687	76811					
1996	USA			2000	6925					
1997	United Kingdom	97	4489	101	109997	218	3588	17	1594	USA
1997	USA			17	5673					
1998	Netherlands			60	7135			5187	37255	Finland
1998	United Kingdom	93	4477	367	241653					
1999	Germany			103238	53756	261	3995			Czech Rep.
1999	United Kingdom	93	3683	718	429418			988	2523	Finland
1999	USA	42	5029	20	930					
2000	Belgium			1	1247			12000	47744	United Kingdom
2000	United Kingdom	492	18356	1312	974033					
2000	USA			3	1480					
2001	Belgium			1	1368					
2001	United Kingdom	273	4789	2375	1046007					
2001	USA			2	4429					
2002	Areas, nes			1	489					
2002	United Kingdom	250	4646	984	805775					
2002	USA			3	2429					
2003	Areas, nes			2	310	402	52991			Areas, nes
2003	Belgium			3	5060					
2003	United Kingdom	93	3799	11625	684338					
2004	Netherlands	5750	32349					152	20453	United Kingdom

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2004	United Kingdom	136	5964	60	32834					
2004	USA			1	622					

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.