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Elemental mercury imports and exports
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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Israel				Importing partner countries			
			Reported exports to target country		Reported imports from partner country (on left)				Reported exports to partner country (on right)	
Year	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Netherlands	5625	30851	0	86000			13	2440	Cote d'Ivoire
1995	Other Eurpe; nes			0	41000			5000	44900	France
1995	Rest of America; nes			0	17000			20	1838	Greece
1995	Spain	687	3546							
1995	USA	2937	22973							
1996	Germany	89	1328					3500	38506	France
1996	Netherlands			0	79000			10	503	Greece
1996	Other Eurpe; nes			0	37000			2562	26668	Netherlands
1996	Rest of America; nes			0	6000			101	2029	Spain
1996	Spain	687	3535							
1996	USA	49	2782							
1997	Finland			0	18000			1000	35387	Netherlands
1997	France			0	4000	0	52000			Rep. of Korea
1997	Germany	3000	15571	0	41000			62	1182	Spain
1997	Netherlands	4000	26666	0	71000					
1997	Spain	687	3380	0	2000					
1997	USA	2375	31113	0	5000					
1998	Finland			0	15000			199	1867	France
1998	France	2500	11550	0	3000	0	43000			Germany
1998	Germany	3000	15000	0	16000			1500	15147	Netherlands
1998	India			0	50000			82	1548	Spain
1998	Netherlands	2000	11614	0	28000					
1998	Spain	1875	9677	0	10000					
1998	United Kingdom	6	2614							
1998	USA	4500	41440	0	17000					
1999	France	328	1298	0	4000			1000	9413	France
1999	Germany	3687	21225	0	24000	0	2000	187	1633	Germany
1999	Netherlands	3437	13049	0	18000			66	1276	Spain
1999	Spain	343	1863	0	2000	0	1000			USA
1999	USA	898	11699	0	11000					

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2000	France	0	2949	0	6000	0	1000			Czech Rep.
2000	Germany	4625	59802	0	83000					
2000	India	85027	93711							
2000	Switzerland	10	850	0	1000					
2000	USA	769	10000	0	19000					
2001	France	785	4476	0	6000					
2001	Germany	1875	88637	0	137000					
2001	Spain	707	19405	0	2000					
2001	USA			0	21000					
2002	France	0	10385	0	11000	0	5000			Netherlands
2002	Germany	2687	137417	0	152000			117	1786	United Kingdom
2002	Japan			0	2000					
2002	USA			0	1000					
2003	France	74	1131	0	5000					
2003	Germany	3000	160000	0	181000					
2003	Netherlands			0	19000					
2003	Spain			0	2000					
2003	United Kingdom	1	3435							
2004	France	0	1234	0	6000	0	46000	5312	48979	USA
2004	Germany	898	55000	0	201000					
2004	Netherlands			0	28000					
2004	USA	214	2795	0	1000					

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.