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Elemental mercury imports and exports

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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Japan				Importing partner countries			
			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	Algeria	3437	15168	6875	30425	97	2623	289	9187	Bangladesh
1995	France	0	9226	11	4708	38	65250	320	58158	China
1995	Spain	3437	15222	6875	30329	1062	120005	1125	124355	China, Hong Kong SAR
1995	Sweden			34	8852			3000	1324	Indonesia
1995	USA	1437	18375			449	15965	449	17389	Singapore
1995								97	1259	Thailand
1995								19414	68813	USA
1996	Algeria	6875	35229	3437	17802			113	1085	Canada
1996	France	0	977			113	228444	105	194266	China
1996	Netherlands	6	7234	3	7380	546	52953	597	63871	China, Hong Kong SAR
1996	Spain	5187	26245	5187	27167	43640	269850			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
1996	USA	12687	15259					1187	5668	France
1996								3125	2294	Malaysia
1996						296	8727	296	9230	Singapore
1996								7	3406	USA
1997	Algeria			6875	32902	97	2165			Bangladesh
1997	France	683	2915	3	1985	250	400445	578	262810	China
1997	Netherlands	5250	18974	9	14958	726	58473	1000	87316	China, Hong Kong SAR
1997	Singapore	7	898			4125	28327			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
1997	Spain	6875	34198	6875	37014			97	4288	France
1997	United Kingdom	2125	10822			781	47256	781	51312	Singapore
1997						203	3967			United Arab Emirates
1997						3	2132			USA
1998	Algeria			3437	12793	199	3916	679	2250	Bangladesh
1998	France	554	2547	3	1814	20500	326595	785	300586	China
1998	Netherlands	8	10604	8	15412	476	35368	417	33179	China, Hong Kong SAR
1998	Spain	3437	15840	3437	15626	3000	18262			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
1998	Sweden	0	24419			671	13120			Indonesia

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1998	USA	304	3972			97	2605	97	3617	Iran
1998						60	2996			Other Asia, nes
1998						203	3655			United Arab Emirates
1999	Algeria			6875	28487	277	5840			Bangladesh
1999	France	289	1135			191	313948	488	365535	China
1999	Spain	3437	16217	3437	17412	386	33190	238	23201	China, Hong Kong SAR
1999	United Kingdom	3	5656			3000	19507			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
1999	USA	628	8186	1	2197			199	11036	France
1999								1812	217000	Hungary
1999						152	6042	527	2490	Indonesia
1999						2125	62710	2125	75897	Iran
1999						97	2933	117	1737	Philippines
1999						148	4171	152	4035	Singapore
1999						378	8519			United Arab Emirates
1999						324	8256			Viet Nam
2000	Algeria	4125	19311			597	13991	0	18609	Bangladesh
2000	Germany	277	1412			191	312770	1375	354825	China
2000	Spain	6875	30293	6875	32959	988	81386	816	73837	China, Hong Kong SAR
2000	USA	16125	239261	1	2244	2000	12766			Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
2000	USA (re-export)	1875	58000	1	2244			347	1411	Germany
2000						605	12738	2687	24531	Indonesia
2000						207	6336			Iran
2000								1250	5885	Kenya
2000						343	3340	546	23667	Rep. of Korea
2000								1062	5742	Spain
2000						253	5910	253	6769	Thailand
2000						238	5724			United Arab Emirates
2000						32914	71394	32914	72503	USA
2000						500	12395			Viet Nam

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2001	Algeria			11062	43654	199	4307			Bangladesh
2001	Germany	164	895	3	1721	191	241939	156	253442	China
2001	USA	2875	72126	1	3491			269	22646	China, Hong Kong SAR
2001						964	19723	289	5902	Indonesia
2001						3812	103354	2625	91429	Iran
2001								6	10215	Luxembourg
2001						11062	17879			Netherlands
2001								1375	19686	Rep. of Korea
2001						296	6687	0	7000	Viet Nam
2002	Algeria			3437	15790	199	3686	1375	8084	Bangladesh
2002	Spain	3437	16345	3437	17101			35	8937	China, Hong Kong SAR
2002	USA	1875	58701	2	7307	1625	32691	390	7714	Indonesia
2002						2125	51460	2125	54886	Iran
2002								0	2000	Israel
2002						16	2023			Philippines
2002						687	5757	687	5729	Rep. of Korea
2002								0	10000	Romania
2002								46	2315	Singapore
2002								20	1879	Switzerland
2002						199	5365			Thailand
2002						171	3278			United Arab Emirates
2002						796	16289	0	17000	Viet Nam
2003	Spain	3437	19805	5437	60315	250	6221			Bangladesh
2003	United Kingdom	132	8248			500	37085	8	1961	China, Hong Kong SAR
2003	USA	261	3404	9	19603	1937	37120			Egypt
2003						17250	62239	17250	62713	India
2003						1187	26477			Indonesia
2003						1062	26979	1062	28585	Iran
2003						102328	360155	2062	4524	Netherlands
2003						687	6229	808	374971	Rep. of Korea
2003								1	972	Romania
2003						2	2059			Singapore
2003								14	550	Thailand

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2003						648	15272	0	11000	Viet Nam
2004	Netherlands	3	8709	2	8935	199	7445			Bangladesh
2004	Rep. of Korea	74	99695					6187	53576	Brazil
2004	Spain	3437	29776	3437	29775	289	23002	417	11219	China, Hong Kong SAR
2004	United Kingdom	3	21611					718	20331	Egypt
2004	USA	523	6810	2	7510			1000	18000	Hungary
2004						17250	194746	21367	141071	India
2004						312	7417			Indonesia
2004								82	1372	Mexico
2004						34769	261469			Netherlands
2004						20	2811			Other Asia, nes
2004								1312	3644356	Rep. of Korea
2004								7	5645	Romania
2004						4	5493	3	5868	Switzerland
2004								1	3760	United Kingdom
2004						972	26045			Viet Nam
2005								2	1735	Romania

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.