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Year	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Germany	398	42000	496	45000			382	3566	Colombia
1995	Netherlands			78500	425000	33	1000			El Salvador
1995	Spain	5187	24727	5187	26000			13875	9739	Honduras
1995	USA	2500	59701	3375	34000	273	1000			Nicaragua
								1062	866	Peru
1996	Areas, nes			163	222	4	22			Areas, nes
1996	Belgium-Luxembourg	14	1160			4000	19720			Brazil
1996	Germany	398	42526	1062	45367			3187	6513	Netherlands
1996	Netherlands			648	434905			1125	1414	USA
1996	USA	2937	26242	385187	45184			398	2074	Venezuela
1997	Areas, nes			61	156	25468	338			Areas, nes
1997	Germany	4062	56518	1062	62958			128	1720	Bolivia
1997	Netherlands			640	419116			4000	20647	Brazil
1997	USA	6687	50639	208246	57087			1250	9510	Colombia
1997						6937	48712			Cuba
1997						386	599			Dominican Rep.
1997								113	2764	El Salvador
1997						101	1070			Guatemala
1997								218	2410	Nicaragua
1997								1187	1400	USA
1997								1125	4333	Venezuela
1998	France			51	631	1	367			Areas, nes
1998	Germany	1625	24000	339	28039			125	1564	Ecuador
1998	Netherlands			730	355939			589	5664	El Salvador
1998	Russian Federation			1062	3400	253	1222			Nicaragua
1998	USA	19906	94283	185640	89139			296	2383	Guatemala
1998								1	504	Netherlands
1998								1875	8091	Venezuela
1999	Areas, nes			185	179	93	2			Areas, nes
1999	Germany	296	32110	359	34052	203	2083	171	2250	Chile
1999	Netherlands			367	197003			171	1962	El Salvador
1999	USA	4125	46843	381750	138488			74	1297	Guatemala

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1999								82	924	Honduras
1999						53925	41059			Spain
1999						500	3550			Venezuela
2000	Areas, nes			2240	126	109	9899	89	10646	Brazil
2000	Italy	597	18320			2437	719			Dominican Rep.
2000	Netherlands	6	835	722	227550	78	759	281	3155	El Salvador
2000	USA	6687	56169	962687	80875			296	2388	Guatemala
2000						171	559			Honduras
2000						949	3239			Netherlands
2000								97	1239	Peru
2000						48218	4041			USA
2000						593	4000			Venezuela
2001	Areas, nes			5812	20850			4000	38179	Cuba
2001	Netherlands	25820	105685	24613	459927			60	714	El Salvador
2001	USA	11687	87203	1341250	149253	17949	2080			Honduras
2001								199	1669	Peru
2001								2	650	Singapore
2001						42257	14425			USA
2001								875	7197	Venezuela
2002	Areas, nes			152	235	1327	796			Areas, nes
2002	Netherlands	5187	22677	6687	233897	414	1919	97	2106	Guatemala
2002	Spain	3437	15619	3687	17000	609	2500			Peru
2002	USA	33140	237395	1002375	187171	18125	24975	19	5300	USA
2002						625	4000	582	4579	Venezuela
2003	France			492	1237	8375	189			Areas, nes
2003	Germany	156	5000	22	5040	1500	1372			El Salvador
2003	Netherlands			722	253412	14187	1232	851	1340	Guatemala
2003	USA	35453	398720	328687	130503	394	1325			Honduras
2003								250	2814	Peru
2003						18714	7353			USA
2004	France			93	2084	1500	2874			El Salvador
2004	Japan			82	1372	27246	4000			USA
2004	Netherlands			417	150904					

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2004	USA	64191	860315	238628	270335					

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.