

NORWAY

Elemental mercury imports and exports

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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Norway				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	Areas, nes			14	782			394	1317	Singapore
1995	France	0	5415							
1995	Germany			48	792					
1995	Netherlands	132	2611	191	3780					
1995	Sweden	0	2670							
1995	Switzerland			33	938					
1995	USA			7062	17241					
1996	Areas, nes			7	388	6	2326	6	2356	Switzerland
1996	France	0	4885							
1996	Germany			121	1834					
1996	Netherlands	3375	17036	191	3639					
1996	Sweden	62	1342							
1996	Switzerland			50	860					
1996	USA			3125	16686					
1997	Benin	3	875			894	3202			France
1997	Benin (re-export)	3	875					519	2885	Germany
1997	Germany			22	1661	17250	16516			Netherlands
1997	Netherlands	425	1538	277	3725	17250	16516	3500	33569	Sweden
1997	Sweden	0	1179							
1997	USA			1	1267					
1998	Belgium-Luxembourg			1	1092			296	42622	France
1998	France			8	5052	2000	6865			Italy
1998	Germany			570	8040	30007	33054	2500	8583	Netherlands
1998	Sweden	0	2643					2000	6923	Sweden
1998	USA	265	3612	3	1108					
1999	France	97	1623			14500	36108			Netherlands
1999	Germany			312	5890			1000	1209	Sweden
1999	Netherlands	97	1449							
1999	Sweden	0	3507							
2000	Areas, nes			6	342					
2000	Germany			113	2046					
2000	Italy	21441	5056							
2000	Sweden	0	654	60	1705					

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2001	Denmark	847	3533							
2001	France	97	5372							
2001	Germany			113	2494					
2001	Netherlands	97	895	144	1575					
2001	Sweden	0	2326							
2001	USA			85	1289					
2002	Areas, nes			12	579			4562	19836	Netherlands
2002	Germany			22	830					
2002	Sweden	0	617							
2002	USA			101	3372					
2003	Denmark	2500	4377			20	285			Areas, nes
2003	Germany			38	2626					
2004	Areas, nes			11	290					
2004	Denmark	20234	50606							
2004	Germany			11	1681					
2004	Netherlands			12	527					
2004	USA			4	704					

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.