

**POLAND**

**Elemental mercury imports and exports**

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Filter: Trade value ≥ \$US 0

Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries	Target country: Poland						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	Germany	74	1000					136	824	India
1996	Areas, nes			1875	27000			1562	8714	Bangladesh
1996	Austria	0	661					750	3987	Germany
1996	Germany	136	1993					207	812	India
1996	Netherlands			1687	363000					
1997	Algeria			13812	67044			2	10000	Bangladesh
1997	Germany	203	2883					1875	14752	France
1997	Netherlands	1000	463073	2250	1186684					
1997	Special Categories			101	2941					
1998	Czech Rep.	44	584							
1998	Netherlands	2562	604974	2750	667000					
1998	Special Categories			51	5000					
1999	Austria	30	773			9	102000			Areas, nes
1999	Germany	93	1088			66238	123000			Hungary
1999	Netherlands	3000	298214	3375	634000	49679	92000			Hungary
1999								5000	22839	Cuba
2000	Areas, nes			25	4000			4375	17309	Argentina
2000	Germany	97	1883							
2000	Italy	2187	5205							
2000	Netherlands	4500	516411	5125	804000					
2000	Spain	17250	67463							
2001	Austria	23398	10315					2062	9375	Argentina
2001	France	97	895					10937	45972	China, Hong Kong SAR, United Kingdom
2001	Germany	164	895					22	6413	United Kingdom
2001	Italy	3375	2532							
2001	Netherlands	4562	356463	4875	746000					
2001	Spain	17250	71933							
2002	Areas, nes			2000	9000	2	141			Areas, nes
2002	Germany	35	910					61	4723	Netherlands

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2002	Netherlands	3437	323151	19976	789000			20	6627	United Kingdom
2002	Portugal	15375	26094							
2002	Spain	34519	156285							
2003	Germany	97	3000					20	6312	United Kingdom
2003	Italy	1125	1636							
2003	Netherlands	2937	382582	3875	981000					
2003	United Kingdom	14	1116							
2004	Areas, nes			9	222					
2004	Germany	121	5000	125	8365					
2004	Netherlands	3437	634553	4312	626730					
2004	Switzerland			4	1105					
2004	USA			6	1805					

### ***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.