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Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Portugal				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			10	145	0	72			Areas, nes
1995	Belgium-Luxembourg	74	5426					22	765	Cape Verde
1995	Germany	Germany	296	4000	4187			7937	32839	Italy
1995	Italy	40	1169					988	3990	Spain
1995	Netherlands	52	951							
1995	Spain	9250	44625	1250	7813					
1995	United Kingdom	30	688	6	543					
1996	Areas, nes			12	386	70	734			Angola
1996	Germany	97	7973	29	6670	3	340			Areas, nes
1996	Italy	51	1703					6187	31740	Italy
1996	Netherlands			12	540			1812	9010	Netherlands
1996	Spain	3750	19785	11750	69371	9	1456			Switzerland
1996	Switzerland	10	1524							
1996	United Kingdom	12	626	6	586					
1997	Areas, nes			2	112	20	315			Areas, nes
1997	Germany	246	3460	14	3595			5000	17292	Belgium-Luxembourg
1997	Italy	33	887							
1997	Netherlands			4000	23587					
1997	Spain	828	4566	875	5960					
1997	United Kingdom	8	792	6	612					
1998	Algeria	9125	36973			11	147			Areas, nes
1998	France			1	511			2125	8660	France
1998	Germany	5000	25000	253	24500	2875	1648			Morocco
1998	Italy	30	899					3250	13127	Netherlands
1998	Netherlands			50	850					
1998	Spain	660	3752	625	3877					
1999	France			414	1995	20	50			Areas, nes
1999	Germany	386	4354	132	18844			16675	70567	Belgium
1999	Italy	31	639					6562	26352	Italy

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1999	Netherlands	511	2899	97	1584					
1999	Spain	457	2439	320	1955					
2000	Areas, nes			8	314	48	655			Angola
2000	France			3000	14868			781	1423	Belgium
2000	Germany	464	2354	3	1105					
2000	Spain	257	1589	734	4655					
2000	United Kingdom	25	1386							
2001	Areas, nes			9	312	14	11			Areas, nes
2001	France			2000	1305	53	855			Guinea-Bissau
2001	Germany	164	895							
2001	Netherlands	7000	29555	2000	8312					
2001	Spain	398	2700	3562	17930					
2001	United Kingdom	16	575							
2002	Areas, nes			14	517	6000	13673	6000	13208	France
2002	Spain	300	2303	523	3525	43429	103249	24000	53842	Netherlands
2002						15375	26094			Poland
2002						5000	12102	5000	11738	Spain
2003	Areas, nes			13	423	1	55			Areas, nes
2003	Spain	13625	24723	445	11597			5000	14047	Spain
2004	Areas, nes			7	456	38	116			Areas, nes
2004	Spain	9750	30153	285	5000	7187	31301	4812	16177	Netherlands

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.