

THAILAND
Elemental mercury imports and exports
Data source: UN DESA/ESD/UNSD - Comtrade statistics - downloaded 11Apr2006

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Filter: Trade value ≥ \$US 0

Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Thailand				Importing partner countries			
			Reported exports to target country		Reported imports from partner country (on left)					
Year	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Algeria			3437	18775					
1995	Germany	3812	83000	6500	118167					
1995	Japan			97	1259					
1995	Netherlands			1500	186707					
1995	Singapore	296	6438							
1995	Spain			1062	6708					
1995	Sweden			148	3464					
1995	United Kingdom			296	6542					
1995	USA	191	7712	82	4929					
1996	Algeria			2062	13257					
1996	Areas, nes			3	449					
1996	Argentina			1750	10525					
1996	China	1000	10513	15000	76933					
1996	Germany	4375	83723	5562	105446					
1996	Netherlands			433	49457					
1996	Other Asia; nes			4875	19194					
1996	Singapore	898	19404							
1996	Sweden			97	3026					
1996	United Kingdom			597	13077					
1996	USA	519	11781							
1997	Algeria			4125	24573					
1997	Germany	1000	27106	1000	17306					
1997	Netherlands	1000	154870	3687	394360					
1997	Singapore	Singapore	296	6325						
1997	Spain	Spain	1062	4752	5613					
1997	Sweden			97	2473					
1997	United Kingdom			597	12427					
1997	USA	97	4416							
1998	Algeria			5187	31690					
1998	Australia	10312	16825							
1998	Germany	609	9000	2187	26765					

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1998	Netherlands	3500	288347	3750	318452					
1998	Spain	1062	5332	1062	7040					
1998	United Kingdom	1	2763	148	2757					
1998	USA			218	22568					
1999	Algeria			3437	17974	24	1947	24	1932	Netherlands
1999	Germany			29	1005					
1999	Netherlands	3562	357664	3937	368949					
1999	Spain	5875	29214	5187	27425					
1999	United Kingdom	97	3597	449	8282					
1999	USA	1875	21692							
2000	Areas, nes			4	707	144	12539	195	13791	Netherlands
2000	Germany	500	8946							
2000	India	10000	25992							
2000	Japan	253	5910	253	6769					
2000	Netherlands	3875	322966	4437	376440					
2000	Spain	7187	36875	7000	37656					
2000	United Kingdom	3	7199	296	5146	14	407			Areas, nes
2000	USA	2875	26479	50	5312					
2001	Algeria			3500	9980			14	747	Cambodia
2001	Areas, nes			6	122			31	895	Netherlands
2001	Germany	199	7162	503	8988			0	20000	Viet Nam
2001	Netherlands	4437	377062	5375	414743					
2001	Spain	6375	39714	7187	39272					
2001	United Kingdom	492	6963	597	11359					
2002	Australia	14375	27835					21	944	Netherlands
2002	France	0	2832							
2002	Germany	1000	6370							
2002	Japan	199	5365							
2002	Netherlands	4125	434647							
2002	Spain	8125	41579							
2002	United Kingdom	148	2460							

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2003	Australia	34398	70367							
2003	Canada			2	1189					
2003	Germany	31	1000	4	992					
2003	Japan			14	550					
2003	Netherlands	2812	435781	1812	416087					
2003	Spain	5687	36926	7187	43405					
2003	United Kingdom			148	3239					
2003	USA	5500	15000	5187	27294					
2004	Netherlands	1625	304834					89	4977	Netherlands
2004	Spain	11500	111120							

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.