

**TUNISIA**
**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:				Importing partner countries			
			Tunisia							
Year	Country name	Reported exports to target country		Reported imports from partner country (on left)		Reported exports to partner country (on right)		Reported imports from target country		Country name
		Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	
1995	Algeria	13812	67267	10375	51698					
1995	Areas, nes			1	276					
1995	France	0	1404	82	3506					
1995	Spain	24	1380							
1995	Switzerland	10	1745	10	2052					
1996	Algeria	10375	66695							
1996	Areas, nes			8	297					
1996	France	0	2736	70	2740					
1996	Spain			97	1602					
1997	Areas, nes			1	117					
1997	France			253	7612					
1997	Germany	41	576							
1997	Spain	105	1661	97	1844					
1998	France	97	5605	324	9314					
1998	Spain	230	2809	277	3127					
1998	United Kingdom	109	3514	97	3595					
1999	France	97	1298	58	1308	3437	17561			So. African Customs Union
1999	Spain			1937	1385					
2000	France			113	2293					
2001	Areas, nes			3	57					
2001	Belgium			4	700					
2001	France			160	5905					
2002	Areas, nes			3	50					
2002	France	0	1888	12	1481					
2002	Spain			97	1427					
2003	Areas, nes			7	116					
2003	France			12	857					
2004	Italy	2000	10251			1	173			Areas, nes

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2004	Spain	52	1118							

### ***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.