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

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Comments:

Period	Exporting partner countries		Target country: Zimbabwe				Importing partner countries			
	Country name	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Kg mercury	Value (\$US)	Country name
1995	Germany			1375	7931					
1995	Italy			2062	10455					
1995	Netherlands	5500	25812							
1995	So. African Customs Union			3437	18370					
1995	United Kingdom			3250	20884					
1996	Areas, nes			1	33					
1996	Germany			5187	30951					
1996	Netherlands			2125	9379					
1996	So. African Customs Union			179	1140					
1997	Germany			1750	11056					
1997	So. African Customs Union	0	3343	351	5433					
1997	United Kingdom			5125	26521					
1998	So. African Customs Union	0	3968							
1999	Germany			687	4189	4	75			Areas, nes
1999	So. African Customs Union			312	2488					
1999	United Kingdom			3000	15874					
1999	USA			1437	8466					
2001	Areas, nes			0	267					
2001	Belgium	3437	12554							
2001	Germany			0	12631					
2001	Netherlands	3437	13434	0	52216					
2001	South Africa	101	591							
2001	United Kingdom			0	19311					
2002	Belgium	10375	42108							
2002	Netherlands			0	166190					
2002	South Africa	238	1916	0	5375					
2003	Belgium	8812	56249							
2003	Germany	699	9000							
2003	Netherlands	8625	55463							
2003	South Africa	4125	35317							
2004	Areas, nes			687	10230					

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			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
2004	India			3812	5717					
2004	Netherlands			8750	11312					
2004	South Africa	621	11104	2250	40581					
2004	United Kingdom			4375	39182					

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.