

## TRADE

Since 1992, China has been a net importer of hydrogen peroxide. Imports accounted for about 5.9% of consumption in 2001. Most product is imported at 50% concentration; the majority comes from the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Japan, as shown in the following table:

<b>Imports of Hydrogen Peroxide—2001</b>		
<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Volume<sup>a</sup> (thousands of metric tons, 100% basis)</b>	<b>Unit Import Values<sup>b</sup> (U.S. dollars per metric ton)</b>
Korea, Republic of	9.29	353
Taiwan	3.26	315
Hong Kong	0.45	1,584
Thailand	0.43	1,350
Japan	0.40	549
Other	1.86	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.68</b>	<b>431</b>

a. Data assume all product was imported at 50% concentration.

b. Values shown are for 50% concentration.

Export volumes have increased steadily over the 1989-1997 period as domestic production has grown. In 1998, exports dropped sharply to 0.6 thousand metric tons because of the Asian financial crisis. This trend continued to 1999, when only 1.41 thousand metric tons were exported. But in 2000, exports increased to 3.3 thousand metric tons, and then to 3.7 thousand metric tons in 2001. In 2001, the major export destination was the Republic of Korea, accounting for almost 66% of total exports.

<b>Exports of Hydrogen Peroxide—2001</b>		
<b>Country of Destination</b>	<b>Volume<sup>a</sup> (thousands of metric tons, 100% basis)</b>	<b>Unit Export Values<sup>b</sup> (U.S. dollars per metric ton)</b>
Korea, Republic of	2.42	191
Indonesia	0.52	271
Other	0.73	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.67</b>	<b>229</b>

a. Data assume all product was exported at 50% concentration.

b. Values shown are for 50% concentration.