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1. Introduction and overview

The concept of ‘total material requirement’ (TMR) was originally developed at the Wuppertal Institute under the label ‘total material input’ (TMI) (for a recent overview, see Bringezu, 2000). The TMR of national economies comprises two major components: domestic material flows and foreign material flows (Adriaanse et al., 1997, 1998). These are further subdivided into direct material inputs (DMI) and hidden material flows which were originally called ‘ecological rucksacks’ in the MIPS-concept (Schmidt-Bleek et al., 1998). TMR and its sub-components are commonly set into relation with GDP and population size to obtain the material productivity or material intensity of GDP of the economy, and the total material flows per capita. Both are aggregate measures for the total environmental impact of national or regional economies.

The basic structure of TMR is reflected in its first order accounting components shown in Figure 1. These are:

- domestic (material flows);
- foreign (material flows);
- general (socio-economic data);
- summary (for TMR accounting and analysis).

Figure 1 further provides an overview of the files (light shading) and workbooks or worksheets (without shading) contrasted with structure data for TMR accounting of EU-15. Transfer of data by automatic links from worksheets to the ‘TMR data summary’ workbook are marked with heavy shading. This overview will be the reference for the further description of the methodology of TMR in the following chapters. It shall also provide easy access to those who wish to perform similar studies or use the data of EU-15 for further studies and applications.

The ‘territory’ of EU-15 was established with the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden in 1995. Until then, the European Community had gradually developed from its beginnings in 1952 (Table 1). Monetary union is still incomplete in the year 2000 and 12 candidate countries are currently negotiating for accession.

Table 1: Member States of the European Union

	Year of accession	Member of monetary union	
Belgium	1952/58 *	X	* 1952: European Community for Coal and Steel 1958: European Economic Community ** Denmark will decide on application for membership by public vote in September 2000, Sweden and the UK will also hold public votes. *** Greece has officially applied for membership (as of March 2000) Candidate countries (12) are: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Malta.
France	1952/58 *	X	
Germany	1952/58 *	X	
Italy	1952/58 *	X	
Luxembourg	1952/58 *	X	
Netherlands	1952/58 *	X	
Denmark	1973	**	
Ireland	1973	X	
United Kingdom	1973		
Greece	1981	***	
Portugal	1986	X	
Spain	1986	X	
Austria	1995	X	
Finland	1995	X	
Sweden	1995		

Domestic Agriculture

00-FAO Data Original
00-General
01-Cereals
02-Roots and tubers
03-Pulses
04-Oilcrops
05-Vegetables+melons
06-Fruit excl. melons
07-Treenuts
08-Fibre crops
09-Other cops
10-AgriHarvestStatisticsSummary
11-Other Harvest
12-Other Fodder Inputs
13-AgricultureTotalInputSummary
14-Erosion

Excavation
Forestry, Fishing, Hunting

01-ExcavationDomestic
01-Roundwood
02-Fish catch
03-Hunting
04-Aquatic mammals(numbers)
05-AquaticData-FAO

FossilEnergy

01-EnergyHardCoalDomestic
02-EnergyLigniteDomestic
03-EnergyCrudeOilDomestic
04-EnergyNaturalGasDomestic
05-EnergyCrudeOilGasDomestic
06-EnergyPeatFuelDomestic
07-EnergyPeatAgricuiltDomestic
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Foreign

00-Imports-General
01-Imports-AgricultureRaw
02-Imports-ForestryRaw
03-Imports-AnimalsRaw+Products
04-Imports-AgricultPlantProduct
05-Imports-AgricultAnimalProduce
06-Imports-ForestrySemi
07-Imports-ForestryFinished
08-Imports-BioticProducts
09-Imports-FossilsRaw
10-Imports-MetalsRaw
11-Imports-MineralsRaw
12-Imports-FossilsSemi
13-Imports-MetalsSemi
14-Imports-MineralsSemi
15-Imports-MetalsFinished
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TMR Data Summary
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Summary TMR Data Summary

MineralsDomestic	00-Commodities/Sources	
	01-MineralsA,C,E,Domestic	
	02-MineralsB,Domestic	
	03-MineralsD,Domestic	
	04-MineralsPhosphateDomestic	
	05-MineralsPotashDomestic	
	06-MineralsSaltsDomestic	
	07-MineralsBarytesDomestic	
	08-MineralsFluorsparDomestic	
	09-MineralsAsbestosDomestic	
	10-MineralsMagnesiteDomestic	
	11-MineralsBoratesDomestic	
	12-MineralsArsenicDomestic	
	13-MineralsAbrasivesDomestic	
	14-MineralsGraphiteDomestic	
	15-MineralsMicaDomestic	
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	17-MineralsSummaryDomestic	TMR Data Summary
OresDomestic	01-OresIronDomestic	
	02-OresCopperDomestic	
	03-OresZincDomestic	
	04-OresLeadDomestic	
	05-OresBauxiteDomestic	
	06-OresTinDomestic	
	07-OresTungstenDomestic	
	08-OresVanadiumDomestic	
	09-OresManganeseDomestic	
	10-OresChromiumDomestic	
	11-OresNickelDomestic	
	12-OresTitaniumDomestic	
	13-OresSilverDomestic	
	14-OresGoldDomestic	
	15-OresTantalumNiobiumDomestic	
	16-OresAntimonyDomestic	
	17-OresCobaltDomestic	
	18-OresMercuryDomestic	
	19-OresUraniumDomestic	
	20-OresPyritePyrrhotiteDomestic	
	21-OresSummaryDomestic	TMR Data Summary
File: Worksheets/Workbooks	Automatic links to TMR Data Summary	

Figure 1: Basic structure of data files and worksheets for the accounting of TMR in the EU.

The step-by-step development of the European Union is reflected by the data availability for TMR accounting. A consistent time series of TMR for the EU-15 could be established for 1995–97. Before that, a time series was worked out for EU-12 from 1988 to 1994. It has to be noted, however, that this series was affected by the German reunification. Data for the former GDR were integrated into foreign trade statistics of Eurostat since 1991. Consequently, TMR of EU-12 from 1988 to 1990 is exclusive of the former GDR, but data from 1991 to 1994 include the ‘five new *Länder*’ evolving from it as part of the reunited Germany. The corresponding changes in population, GDP and GDP per capita are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Population, GDP and GDP per capita of EU-12 and EU-15 from 1988 to 1997

	Year	Population *	GDP **	GDP per capita ***	Population #	GDP #	GDP per capita #
EU-12 excl. former GDR	1988	323 425	3 700	11 440	100	100	100
	1989	324 747	3 827	11 785	100	103	103
	1990	326 646	3 940	12 062	101	106	105
EU-12 incl. former GDR	1991	344 251	4 221	12 262	106	114	107
	1992	345 832	4 270	12 347	107	115	108
	1993	347 391	4 267	12 284	107	115	107
	1994	348 593	4 482	12 856	108	121	112
EU-15	1995	371 588	5 018	13 504	115	136	118
	1996	372 850	5 285	14 175	115	143	124
	1997	373 890	5 615	15 019	116	152	131

* 1 000 persons

** Billion ECU at 1985 constant prices

*** ECU per capita

Indexed values with 1988 = 100

2. Domestic material flows

The following chapters will give descriptions of data and methods for the step-by-step accounting of domestic material flows of EU-15 as encompassed by the left hand side of Figure 1. Its major components are organised in the following sections (in alphabetical order):

- agriculture;
- excavation;
- forestry, fishing, hunting;
- fossil energy;
- minerals, domestic;
- ores, domestic.

2.1. Agriculture

For easy access to data, the service on the FAO homepage (<http://apps.fao.org>) was used for downloading data on harvested biomass and land use in agriculture, roundwood production in forestry, and the amount of biomass from fishing. The original FAO data were kept in the file 00 'FAO data/original'.

File 00 'General' contains two worksheets:

- agriareaEU158597;
- EU-15 All FAO categories.

Worksheet 'agriareaEU158597' contains land-use data in hectare by Member States for arable land, permanent crops, and permanent pastures, the three main categories making up the total agricultural area. It is the basis for (a) the accounting of the input of biomass which is not given by harvest statistics, and (b) the estimation of the amount of erosion using intensity figures in tonnes soil eroded per hectare land.

Worksheet 'EU-15 all FAO categories' lists all the categories of agricultural biomass available from the FAO database (<http://apps.fao.org>) and groups them under the main headings as shown in Table 3. The respective data are contained in worksheets 01 to 09 as shown in Figure 1. In each worksheet, a summary table is made with respect to the distribution among the Member States, and another summary table is made with respect to the aggregate of the nine main groups for EU-12 and EU-15. These summary tables are marked (light yellow for Member countries and light blue by main material groups) for easy identification within the worksheet (a procedure used for all the data collected for TMR in EU-15). They are transferred to the worksheet 10 'Agri/harvest/statistics/summary' by automatic link to obtain the total of biomass material flows reported by FAO agricultural harvest statistics. The resulting summary tables in this worksheet are transferred, again by automatic link, to the final data compilation in workbook 'TMR data summary'.

In addition to biomass reported to be harvested by agricultural statistics, there are biomass inputs which are not reported there but nevertheless used (worksheet 11 'Other harvest'):

- sugar beet leaves;
- fodder beet leaves;
- straw input;
- catch crops.

Sugar beet leaves used as feed from domestic production for agricultural animals are reported in statistics of the German Ministry of Nutrition, Agriculture and Forestry, the ratio of leaves to beets being about 0.67. This multiplier was used to account for the input of sugar beet leaves in the EU-15 based on the data for sugar beet harvested in Member States. The same procedure was done for fodder beet leaves, the ratio of leaves to beets being about 0.23 in that case. It was also done for straw from grains production using a ratio of 0.46 of straw to grains (on the assumption that 50 % of total straw production was used as an input for further processing). Catch crops are also reported under foodstuffs from domestic production for agricultural animals in statistics of the German Ministry of Nutrition, Agriculture and Forestry. No specific information was available for other EU-15 Member States, so only the German data were used. The resulting summary tables in this worksheet are transferred, again by automatic link, to the final data compilation in workbook 'TMR data summary'.

Agricultural biomass represented in harvest statistics mostly refer to crops cultivated on arable land and permanent crops. The third main category of agricultural land use, permanent pastures, may either be harvested to produce animal foodstuff or may be used for grazing of animals. The first use is represented in statistics. The latter use, which may be characterised as harvested by animals, is a used material input flow just as harvested biomass by machinery is, but is not represented in harvest statistics. To account for this input, the following procedure was performed (worksheet 12 'Other fodder inputs'):

- First, all the biomass categories from harvest statistics which were attributable to permanent pastures were filtered out. These were: alfalfa for forage and silage, clover for forage and silage, forage products nes (not elsewhere specified), grasses nes for forage and silage, and rye grass for forage and silage. The total land use of these categories was subtracted from the total area of permanent pastures.
- Second, the remaining area of permanent pastures was the basis for an estimate of the related input of green biomass by animals' grazing. Consequently, yield coefficients had to be found in order to account for the input of biomass by grazing in tonnes where direct data were not available.
- Third, direct data for the input of biomass by grazing was derived from German foodstuffs statistics of the Ministry of Nutrition, Agriculture and Forestry. They corresponded to yields in between about 12 to 15 tonnes per hectare of permanent pasture. For Austria, the total amount of foodstuff by grazing was available from the database of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education in Vienna (IFF), and these figures were directly used.

Table 3: Main groups and categories of biomass from agricultural harvest

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Cereals	Roots and Tubers	Pulses	Oilcrops	Vegetables & melons	Fruit excluding melons	Treenuts	Fibre crops	Other crops
Barley	Potatoes	Beans, dry	Groundnuts in shell	Artichokes	Apples	Almonds	Cotton lint	Alfalfa for forage + silage
Buckwheat	Roots and tubers nes	Broad beans, dry	Hempseed	Asparagus	Apricots	Chestnuts	Flax fibre and tow	Anise, badian, fennel
Canary seed	Sweet potatoes	Chick-peas	Limesed	Beans, green	Avocados	Hazelnuts (filberts)	Hemp fibre and tow	Beets for fodder
Cereals nes	Yams	Lentils	Melonsed	Broad beans, green	Bananas	Nuts Nes		Cabbage for fodder
Maize		Lupins	Mustard seed	Cabbages	Berries nes	Pistachios		Carrots for fodder
Millet		Peas, dry	Oilseeds Nes	Cantaloupes & oth melons	Blueberries	Walnuts		Chicory roots
Mixed grain		Pulses nes	Olives	Carrots	Carrots			Clover for forage + silage
Oats		Vetches	Poppy seed	Cauliflower	Cherries			Cottonseed
Rice, paddy			Rapeseed	Chillies & peppers, green	Citrus fruit nes			Forage products nes
Rye			Safflower seed	Cucumbers and aberkins	Currants			Grasses nes, forage + silage
Sorghum			Seed cotton	Eggplants	Dates			Hay (unspecified)
Triticale			Sesame seed	Garlic	Figs			Hans
Wheat			Soya beans	Green corn (maize)	Fruit fresh nes			Leguminous nes, for + sil
			Sunflower seed	Leeks and oth alliac. veg	Fruit tropical fresh nes			Maize for forage + silage
				Lentils	Gooseberries			Peppermint
				Mushrooms	Grapefruit and pomelos			Pimento, allspice
				Onions + shallots, green	Grapes			Pumpkins for fodder
				Onions, dry	Kiwi fruit			Pyrethrum, dried flowers
				Peas, green	Lemons and limes			Rye grass, forage + silage
				Pumpkins, squash, gourds	Oranges			Sorghum for forage + silage
				Spinach	Peaches and nectarines			Spices nes
				String beans	Pears			Sugar beets
				Tomatoes	Persimmons			Sugar cane
				Vegetables fresh nes	Pineapples			Swedes for fodder
				Watermelons	Plums			Tea
					Quinces			Tobacco leaves
					Raspberries			Turnips for fodder
					Sour cherries			Vegetables + roots, fodder
					Stone fruit nes, fresh			
					Strawberries			
					Tang mand.clementines, satsumas			

Nes = Not elsewhere specified

Source: FAO database (<http://apps.fao.org>), own compilation.

— Finally, for the remaining territory of EU-13 (EU-15 excluding Austria and Germany), the German yields were multiplied by the area of non-harvested permanent pastures. The result was an estimate for the input of fodder biomass by grazing of agricultural animals.

The resulting summary tables in this worksheet are transferred, again by automatic link, to the final data compilation in workbook ‘TMR data summary’.

The total domestic direct material input by agriculture is summarised in worksheet 13 ‘Agriculture/total input/summary’, comprising the data from worksheets 10, 11 and 12.

Erosion of soil from arable land was estimated for the following categories of land use (worksheet 14 ‘Erosion’):

- roots and tubers;
- sugar beets;
- fodder beets;
- maize for fodder;
- arable land, excluding maize, roots and tubers, sugar and fodder beets.

Erosion rates shown in Table 4 were used to account for estimates of soil erosion from arable land (from the database of the Wuppertal Institute). Data for soil erosion in Finland were taken directly from the database of the Thule Institute at the University of Oulu, Finland (Juutinen and Mäenpää, 1999). Data for soil erosion in the Netherlands were taken directly from the resource flows study (Adriaanse et al., 1997).

The resulting summary tables in this worksheet are transferred, again by automatic link, to the final data compilation in workbook ‘TMR data summary’.

Table 4: Erosion rates (tonnes per ha) for estimates of soil erosion from arable land

	Roots and tubers	Sugar beets	Fodder beets	Maize for fodder	Other arable land
EU-12	18	18	18	55	15
EU-15	17	17	17	51	14
Belgium	13	13	13	38	10
Denmark	6	6	6	19	5
Germany	10	10	10	30	8
Greece	31	31	31	94	25
Spain	31	31	31	94	25
France	13	13	13	38	10
Ireland	6	6	6	19	5
Italy	19	19	19	56	15
Austria	19	19	19	56	15
Portugal	31	31	31	94	25
Sweden	6	6	6	19	5
United Kingdom	11	11	11	34	9

2.2. Excavation

Data for this type of hidden flows comprise excavations for infrastructures and dredging for navigation purposes. They are organised in a single worksheet called 01 'Excavation/domestic'. In the follow-up to the resource flows study (Adriaanse et al., 1997), these material flows have recently been accounted for the United States, Japan, the Netherlands, Austria and Germany in time series. In addition, these data are available for Finland in time series (database of the Thule Institute at University of Oulu, Finland, Juutinen and Mäenpää, 1999). Single data for soil excavation were also reported for Belgium in 1992 and for the UK in 1993.

To obtain basic coefficients for estimates of excavation flows in other EU-15 Member States, these given values were divided by gross value added for constructions (the latter from Eurostat statistics). Resulting coefficients were expressed in the first case as tonnes soil excavated per million ECU gross value added (Table 5). The weighted average for Germany, Netherlands, Austria and Finland was used to estimate soil excavation in tonnes for the remaining Member States of EU-15 except Belgium and the UK. Coefficients for 1996 were used to account for soil excavation in 1997 (except Finland).

Table 5: Soil excavated (tonnes) per million ECU gross value added for constructions

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Belgium								106					
Denmark													
Germany (West)	3 227	3 349	3 348	3 396	3 433	3 345							
Germany							3 823	3 337	3 416	3 613	2 991	3 035	
Greece													
Spain													
France													
Ireland													
Italy													
Luxembourg													
Netherlands	3 618	3 869	4 015	3 061	3 065	2 664	2 650	2 789	2 618	2 538	2 363	2 373	
Austria	5 209	5 191	5 117	4 993	4 810	4 605	4 305	4 142	4 007	3 779	3 665	3 633	
Portugal													
Finland	8 164	8 359	8 099	7 456	6 505	6 983	8 098	11 272	12 318	10 337	6 870	6 199	5 384
Sweden													
United Kingdom									923				
Weighted average: D,NL,A, FIN	3 863	4 000	4 019	3 849	3 807	3 707	4 001	3 669	3 665	3 756	3 148	3 163	

A similar procedure as for the estimation of soil excavation was performed for dredging. In that case, coefficients obtained for the Netherlands were considered to reflect a specific single situation. To obtain estimates for the EU, the German coefficient for 1990 was used (Table 6). Coefficients for 1996 were used to account for dredging in 1997.

Table 6: Dredged material (tonnes) per million ECU gross value added for constructions

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
EU-12													
EU-15													
Belgium													
Denmark													
Germany (West)						665							
Germany													
Greece													
Spain													
France													
Ireland													
Italy													
Luxembourg													
Netherlands	9 483	7 970	7 461	6 418	5 981	6 248	5 847	5 468	5 043	4 468	3 806	3 454	
Austria													
Portugal													
Finland													
Sweden													
United Kingdom													

The resulting summary tables in this worksheet are transferred, again by automatic link, to the final data compilation in workbook 'TMR data summary'.

2.3. Forestry, fishing, hunting

The data for this group of domestic material inputs were organised in the following way:

- 01: Roundwood;
- 02: Fish catch;
- 03: Hunting;
- 04: Aquatic mammals (numbers only, not tonnes);
- 05: Aquatic data FAO.

So, only worksheets 01 to 03 contained data in tonnes for transfer to the final data compilation in workbook 'TMR data summary' by automatic link. Worksheet 04 contains FAO data on the number of aquatic mammals caught (eared, hair seals, walrus; blue-whales, fin-whales; sperm-whales, pilot-whales) but these are so scattered that they could not even be used to produce an overview for a single year. File 05, 'Aquatic data/FAO', contains the FAO data documented in worksheets 01 to 04.

Data for raw material input from forestry (worksheet 01 'Roundwood') were downloaded from the FAO web site (<http://apps.fao.org>). The total volume of roundwood was classified in the following way:

- coniferous roundwood;
- non-coniferous roundwood;
- wood for charcoal.

Data are reported in cubic metres of roundwood excluding barks. They were converted into tonnes using the following coefficients, derived from German statistics: coniferous roundwood (0.75 tonnes per m³), non-coniferous roundwood (0.85 tonnes per m³), and wood for charcoal (0.8 tonnes per m³). Besides data for Germany (from the database of the Wuppertal Institute), original data for total roundwood input were also available in tonnes for Austria (database of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education in Vienna — IFF) and for Finland (database of the Thule Institute at University of Oulu, Finland; Juutinen and Mäenpää, 1999). These were directly inserted into the database without converting the FAO data from m³ to tonnes.

Data for raw material input from fishing (worksheet 02 'Fish catch') were also downloaded from the FAO web site (<http://apps.fao.org>). Total fish catch and its sub-category total marine fish catch were differentiated, the difference being attributed to the category 'other aquatic catch excluding mammals'. For Finland, data on wild fish catch were taken from the database of the Thule Institute at the University of Oulu, Finland (Juutinen and Mäenpää, 1999), instead of the FAO data. The hidden flows of fish catch were estimated according to a study of Greenpeace (Frankfurter Rundschau of 6 November 1999) after which 25 % of the catch is being discarded on board (by-catch).

Data for raw material input from hunting (worksheet 03 'Hunting') have so far been quantified for Germany (database of the Wuppertal Institute; see also Schütz and Bringezu, 1998). No other source could be found reporting on this type of input in other EU Member States.

2.4. Fossil energy

The material inputs of this group of fossil energy carriers comprise all inputs whether they are used for energetic conversion or not. While the non-energetic use of peat for agriculture is obvious, it would be hard to identify the non-energetic use of coal, crude petroleum or natural gas. The following sub-categories are counted in separate worksheets named:

- 01: Energy/hard coal/domestic;
- 02: Energy/lignite/domestic;
- 03: Energy/crude oil/domestic;
- 04: Energy/natural gas/domestic;
- 05: Energy/crude oil/gas/domestic;
- 06: Energy/peat/fuel/domestic;
- 07: Energy/peat/agricult./domestic;
- 08: Energy/oil shale/domestic.

Worksheet 09 'Energy/summary/domestic' takes up the results of worksheets 01 to 08, and from there transfers summary tables by automatic link to the final data compilation in workbook 'TMR data summary'.

Raw material inputs of hard coal were taken from common energy statistics (Eurostat, UN, OECD) except for Austria, which was not reported. Austrian data (only small amounts of hard coal) were taken from the database of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education in Vienna (IFF). Specific ratios for hidden flows to used (marketed) extractions of coal were available from the database of the Wuppertal Institute for the UK (0.4 tonnes per tonne), France (0.27 tonnes per tonne), Spain (5.757 tonnes per tonne), and Germany (0.89 to 0.93 tonnes per tonne). These four EU countries held 97 % to 100 % of the total EU-15 hard coal mining between 1985 and 1997. Other EU-15 countries were not included in the accounting of hidden flows for hard coal. For comparison, in a study of the German Federal Institution of Geosciences and Raw Materials (BGR, 1998), the hidden flow ratio for hard coal was estimated on a global level (covering 91 % of global mining) at 3.98 tonnes per tonne saleable coal.

Raw material inputs of lignite (brown coal) were taken from common energy statistics (Eurostat, UN, OECD). Austrian data were taken from the database of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education in Vienna (IFF). Specific ratios for hidden flows to used (marketed) extractions of coal were available from the database of the Wuppertal Institute for Austria (9 tonnes per tonne), Greece (5 to 11.6 tonnes per tonne), Spain (6.05 tonnes per tonne), and Germany (7.0 to 10.1 tonnes per tonne). These four EU countries held 99 % to 100 % of total EU-15 brown coal mining between 1985 and 1997. Other EU-15 countries were not included when accounting for hidden flows for lignite.

Raw material inputs of crude oil (petroleum) were taken from common energy statistics (Eurostat, UN, OECD). Austrian data were taken from the database of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education in Vienna (IFF). Specific ratios for hidden flows to used (marketed) extractions of crude oil were available from the database of the Wuppertal Institute for Germany (0.08 tonnes per tonne), and in general for offshore (0.006 tonnes per tonne) and onshore (0.001 tonnes per tonne) extraction activities, which were attributed to single EU-15 Member States.

Raw material inputs of natural gas are reported in common energy statistics (Eurostat, UN, OECD) in energetic units, in this case in Terajoules. The same data sources also report on heat values of natural gases, in kJ per m³, so that energetic units can be converted into volume units. Finally, these data sources report partly (for some countries) on the density of crude gases in kg per m³, so that conversion of volume units into tonnes is possible. Densities of crude gases (in kg per m³) were specifically available for: France (1.021), the Netherlands (0.8305), and Germany (0.859248). For the remaining EU-15 Member States, a density of 0.85 kg per m³ was assumed. Performing this step-by-step accounting, the crude (net,

used) extraction of natural gas by Member States of EU-15 was obtained. Austrian data were taken directly from the database of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education in Vienna (IFF). German data were taken directly from the database of the Wuppertal Institute. Specific ratios for flared or re-injected gas amounts to used (net, crude) extractions of natural gas were derived from information of the World Energy Council in its publication series 'World energy statistics' (Table 7). These amounts flared or re-injected formed the first part of the hidden flows of natural gas extraction.

The second part of hidden flows of natural gas extraction are drill residues. Hidden flow coefficients were taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute. They are for:

- onshore gas extraction: 0.026 tonnes per tonne of net (used, crude) extraction;
- offshore gas extraction: 0.017 tonnes per tonne of net (used, crude) extraction;
- unconventional gas recovery: 0.012 tonnes per tonne of net (used, crude) extraction;
- offshore and onshore coefficients were attributed to single EU-15 Member States.

Table 7: Ratios of flared and re-injected gases to crude gas extraction (tonnes per tonne net (used, crude) extraction)

	1987			1990		
	Flared	Re-injected	Total	Flared	Re-injected	Total
Denmark	0.125	0.667	0.792	0.103	0.759	0.862
Spain				0.007	0.014	0.021
Italy		0.032	0.032		0.023	0.023
Netherlands				0.001		0.001
United Kingdom				0.052	0.064	0.116
Austria					0.154	0.154
Germany				0.003		0.003

Source: World Energy Council: World Energy Statistics.

Raw material inputs of crude oil gas are reported for Germany by statistics of the mining industry, data were taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute. Crude oil gas is a co-product of natural gas extraction, so there was no hidden flow assigned.

Raw material inputs of peat for fuel are reported by the UN Industrial (Commodity) Statistics Yearbook. German data were taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute, originating from energy balances (AG Energiebilanzen). The universal hidden flow ratio was 0.25 tonnes per tonne of used extraction (Douglas and Lawson, 1997).

Raw material inputs of peat for agricultural use are reported by the UN Industrial (Commodity) Statistics Yearbook. German data were taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute, originating from official production statistics (Federal Statistical Office Germany — FSOG). They refer to white and black peat for gardening purposes. The universal hidden flow ratio was 0.25 tonnes per tonne used extraction (Douglas and Lawson, 1997).

Raw material inputs of oil shale are reported for Germany by statistics of the mining industry, data were taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute. No data were available for hidden flows.

2.5. Minerals

This group of domestic raw materials comprises non-energy and non-metallic minerals which are counted under fossil energy carriers, respectively ores. The minerals group is organised in the following worksheets:

- 00: Commodities/sources;
- 01: Minerals A, C, E/domestic;
- 02: Minerals B/domestic;
- 03: Minerals D/domestic;
- 04: Minerals/phosphate/domestic;
- 05: Minerals/potash/domestic;
- 06: Minerals/salts/domestic;
- 07: Minerals/barytes/domestic;
- 08: Minerals/fluorspar/domestic;
- 09: Minerals/asbestos/domestic;
- 10: Minerals/magnesite/domestic;
- 11: Minerals/borates/domestic;
- 12: Minerals/arsenic/domestic;
- 13: Minerals/abrasives/domestic;
- 14: Minerals/graphite/domestic;
- 15: Minerals/mica/domestic;
- 16: Minerals/other/domestic.

Worksheet 17, 'Minerals/summary/domestic', takes up the results of worksheets 1 to 16, and from there transfers summary tables by automatic link to the final data compilation in workbook 'TMR data summary'.

A general overview of the accounting of minerals by commodities and data sources is given in the worksheet 00 'Commodities/sources' (Table 8). Accounting for EU-15 was based on two data sources: (1) European Minerals Yearbook (EMY), 2nd Edition, 1998, available on the web page of DG III, and (2) UN Industrial Statistics Yearbook (ISY), 1990, 1992. In order to make the accounting compatible with the elaborated material flow accounts in Germany (Environmental and Economic Accounting series of FSOG, and the Wuppertal Institute), five classes A, B, C, D and E were introduced and categories in Table 8 were allocated to these:

- A Sand and gravel.
- B Limestone and dolomite.
- C Natural stones.
- D Clays.
- E Other crude and broken natural stones.

The remaining categories were treated as single accounting identities.

Table 8 further shows some remarks on the categories available from EMY and ISY. For example, domestic cement and lime produced are not raw materials, but processed outputs, made from domestic and/or foreign raw materials.

Time series of material inputs of minerals were available by EMY until 1995, and time series for 1996 and 1997 had to be established. Data for 1996 and 1997 were available for Germany (Wuppertal Institute) and Finland (Thule Institute at University of Oulu, Finland; Juutinen and Mäenpää, 1999) from their specific databases. Data for 1996 were available for Austria (database of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education in Vienna — IFF). Data for

the remaining years and other EU Member States were estimated by analysing the past trend of the single commodity inputs and continuing it for 1996 and 1997.

Raw material inputs of classes A, C and E were presented in worksheet 01 'Minerals A, C, E/domestic'. The following individual positions were counted:

- crushed rock aggregates;
- sand and gravel;
- dimension stone;
- slate;
- gypsum and anhydrite;
- sulphur;
- diatomite;
- feldspar;
- perlite;
- quartz and quartzite;
- silica sand;
- talc (and steatite).

With the exception of slate (UN-ISY), all data were from EMY, no data were available for quartz and quartzite. Comparing the total of these 12 categories for Germany with the corresponding total material input in the original German database, the former were by 5 % to 20 % lower. This seems to be quite acceptable. Still, in the worksheet, final data for Germany were replaced with the original ones.

- silica sand 0.00018 in 1991; 0.012 in 1993,
applied only in Germany;
- talc (and steatite) around 0.45, applied only for Germany.

For the first three, quantitatively dominating materials, hidden flows were calculated at EU-15 level. As for direct material inputs, the German numbers obtained from the accounting described were subsequently replaced with the original ones.

Raw material inputs of class B were presented in worksheet 02 'Minerals B/domestic'. In this instance, the EMY does not provide data and indicates that there are 'no reliable statistics available'. Data were therefore taken from the UN-ISKY. However, restrictions for time series in that case were even more serious than for minerals A, C, E, because data were available only until 1992. Data for 1993 to 1997 were available for Germany (database of the Wuppertal Institute, originating from official production statistics of FSOG). Data for the remaining years and other EU Member States were estimated by analysing the past trend of the single commodity inputs and continuing it for 1993 to 1997. The ratio of hidden flows to limestone and dolomite was taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute, it is 0.33 tonnes per tonne.

Raw material inputs of class D, i.e. clays, were presented in worksheet 03 'Minerals D/domestic'. The UN industrial commodity statistics yearbook (UN-ICSY) reports total production of clays from 1985 to 1992. The European Minerals Yearbook (EMY) reports data on four positions of clays, i.e. common or structural clays, kaolin, refractory clays and sillimanite minerals, and bentonite, sepiolite and attapulgite, which were added to total clays. For the accounting of domestic inputs of clays in EU-15, the two data sets were combined in a first step, using data from the UN-ICSY from 1985 to 1992, and data from EMY from 1993 to 1995. The resulting data therefore represented the total of clays reported by official international statistics. Regarding the accounting of used extraction of clays by EU-15, the official data for the total were checked for consistency by a step-by-step procedure, taking into account that clays typically consist of two main groups, special clays for industrial manufacturing (like kaolin), and common clays for construction materials (like bricks).

First, the material inputs of special clays were divided into the following groups (named sub-positions 1 to 4 of position 1, i.e. total clays, in the worksheet):

- bentonite (UN-ICSY), and bentonite, sepiolite and attapulgite (EMY);
- fuller's earth (UN-ICSY);
- kaolin (UN-ICSY; EMY);
- andalusite, kyanite and sillimanite (UN-ICSY), and refractory clays and sillimanite minerals (EMY).

Second, the sum of these four clays was subtracted from the total input of clays obtained as described before. Using the same statistical sources, the difference between total clay input and the four types of special clays therefore resulted in the material input of other clays, assumed to be identical with common clays for construction materials (sub-position 5 of position 1 in the worksheet).

Third, data thus obtained for the input of common clays for construction materials were checked for consistency using the following procedure: the amount of clays necessary for the production of construction materials was estimated from data on the production of these materials and the corresponding input of clays.

The production of construction materials from clays was accounted for the following products (all data from UN-ICSY):

- building bricks, made of clay (ISIC 3691-01B);
- tiles, roofing, made of clay (ISIC 3691-04A);
- tiles, roofing, made of clay (ISIC 3691-04B).

Original data for these three support-positions were given in 1 000 m³ (some data are given directly in 1 000 tonnes), million units, and million m² respectively. They were converted to tonnes by the following coefficients (derived from German production statistics of FSOG): 2 tonnes per m³, 2.73 kg per unit, and 220 kg per m². The raw material input of clay for the production of bricks and tiles was accounted by the following coefficients (Klinnert, 1993): 1.1 tonnes of clay per tonne of bricks, and 1.0 tonnes of clay per tonne of tiles. Then, the resulting clay input for the production of the three sub-positions was added up. This sum was subtracted from the numbers obtained for the input of clays for construction materials as described before (sub-position 5 of position 1 in the worksheet). So, in an ideal case, the difference should be (close to) zero.

Fourth, for a synthesis of the described accounting results, the following conventions were set up:

- special clays were accounted for separately: bentonite, fuller's earth, kaolin, andalusite etc. (step 1);
- common clay for the production of bricks and tiles is accounted for as described above (step 3), but data are taken only if they are higher than those resulting from the difference between total clays and special clays (step 2).

Data obtained following rules 1 and 2 represented the used extraction of all clays in EU-15 (total clay input). Finally, data for the inputs of clays for Germany (Wuppertal Institute), Austria (Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education in Vienna — IFF) and the Netherlands (resource flows study — Adriaanse et al., 1997) were replaced by data from original country studies.

To account for the hidden flows of clays, the following coefficients were used (in tonnes of hidden flows per tonne commodity):

- bentonite: not available;
- fuller's earth: 0.004 to 0.017, applied only for Germany;
- kaolin: 0.57 to 1.78 for Germany, 8 for the UK;
- andalusite, kyanite and sillimanite, refractory clays: not available;
- common (other) clays: 0.31 to 0.36 for Germany, 0.25 for other EU Member States.

Raw material inputs of natural phosphates were presented in worksheet 04 'Minerals/phosphate/domestic'. Data in gross weights were taken from UN-ICSY (1985 to 1992), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). A universal coefficient of 12.02 was used to account for hidden flows (weighted average for global extraction by open-pit mining and other types of mining; source: Krauss, H., Saam, H.G., Scjmidt, H.W., 'Phosphate — Summary report').

Raw material inputs of crude potash salts were presented in worksheet 05 'Minerals/potash/domestic'. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92) and

from EMY (1993–95). German data were compared with numbers from official German statistics (production statistics of FSOG, mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder*, annual reports of the German Federal Institution of Geosciences and Raw Materials) reporting on:

- potash crude salts extraction: total;
- potash crude salts extraction: used;
- potash crude salts extraction: K_2O -content;
- potash salts extraction marketable: K_2O -content.

Thus, it was found out that values for Germany in UN statistics until 1992 and in EMY from 1993 on referred to crude extraction in K_2O -content, and values in EMY for West-Germany from 1986 to 1990 refer to marketable K_2O -contents only. German data were then replaced by the official ones for the extraction of used crude salts. Because data of UN and EMY for France were characterised as recovered quantities of K_2O , the average German multiplier to account for total used extraction was applied to derive the used extraction of potash salts in France. The coefficients for hidden flows in Germany (in tonnes of hidden flows per tonne commodity) were between 3.6 and 5.7. Only hidden flows for Germany were counted.

Raw material inputs of crude salts were presented in worksheet 06 ‘Minerals/salts/domestic’. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY and from EMY. German data were replaced by numbers from official German statistics (production statistics of FSOG, mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder*, annual reports of the German Federal Institution of Geosciences and Raw Materials) reporting on rock salt, industrial brine and boiled salt. The coefficients for hidden flows in Germany (in tonnes of hidden flows per tonne of commodity) were between 0.034 and 0.055. Only hidden flows for Germany were counted.

Raw material inputs of barytes were presented in worksheet 07 ‘Minerals/barytes/domestic’. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–90) and from EMY (1991–95). German data were compared with numbers from official German statistics (production statistics of FSOG, mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder*, annual reports of the German Federal Institution of Geosciences and Raw Materials) reporting on total and used extractions. The coefficients for hidden flows in Germany (in tonnes of hidden flows per tonne of commodity) were between 0.36 and 0.78, only hidden flows for Germany were counted.

Raw material inputs of fluor spar (excluding precious stones) were presented in worksheet 08 ‘Minerals/fluor spar/domestic’. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY and from EMY. German data were replaced by numbers from official German statistics (production statistics of FSOG, mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder*, annual reports of the German Federal Institution of Geosciences and Raw Materials) reporting on total and used extractions. The coefficients for hidden flows in Germany (in tonnes of hidden flows per tonne of commodity) were between 1.03 and 1.76. Only hidden flows for Germany were counted.

Raw material inputs of asbestos were presented in worksheet 09 ‘Minerals/asbestos/domestic’. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY and from EMY. No hidden flows were counted.

Raw material inputs of magnesite were presented in worksheet 10 'Minerals/magnesite/domestic'. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY and from EMY. No hidden flows were counted.

Raw material inputs of crude borate minerals were presented in worksheet 11 'Minerals/borates/domestic'. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY. No hidden flows were counted.

Raw material inputs of arsenic were presented in worksheet 12 'Minerals/arsenic/domestic'. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY. No data were reported for EU-15.

Raw material inputs of natural abrasives (pozzolan, pumice, etc.) were presented in worksheet 13 'Minerals/abrasives/domestic'. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY. No hidden flows were counted.

Raw material inputs of natural graphite were presented in worksheet 14 'Minerals/graphite/domestic'. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY. German data were replaced by figures from official German statistics (production statistics of FSOG, mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder*, annual reports of the German Federal Institution of Geosciences and Raw Materials) reporting on total and used extractions. The coefficients for hidden flows in Germany (in tonnes of hidden flows per tonne commodity) were between 0.63 and 0.88. Only hidden flows for Germany were counted.

Raw material inputs of mica were presented in worksheet 15 'Minerals/mica/domestic'. Data were taken from the UN-ICSY. No hidden flows were counted.

Raw material inputs of other minerals were presented in worksheet 16 'Minerals/other/domestic'. This concerns only German data taken from official German statistics (production statistics of FSOG). No hidden flows were counted.

2.6. Ores

This group of domestic raw materials comprises metallic minerals. It is organised in the following worksheets:

- 01: Ores/iron/domestic;
- 02: Ores/copper/domestic;
- 03: Ores/zinc/domestic;
- 04: Ores/lead/domestic;
- 05: Ores/bauxite/domestic;
- 06: Ores/tin/domestic;
- 07: Ores/tungsten/domestic;
- 08: Ores/vanadium/domestic;
- 09: Ores/manganese/domestic;
- 10: Ores/chromium/domestic;
- 11: Ores/nickel/domestic;
- 12: Ores/titanium/domestic;
- 13: Ores/silver/domestic;
- 14: Ores/gold/domestic;
- 15: Ores/tantalum/niobium/domestic;
- 16: Ores/antimony/domestic;
- 17: Ores/cobalt/domestic;

- 18: Ores/mercury/domestic;
- 19: Ores/uranium/domestic;
- 20: Ores/pyrite/pyrrhotite/domestic.

Worksheet 21, 'Ores/summary/domestic', takes up the results of worksheets 01 to 20, and transfers summary tables by automatic link to the final data compilation in workbook 'TMR data summary'.

For the accounting of ores, a basic convention with respect to used and unused extractions has to be made. In most statistics, mine production of metallic minerals is given in weight units of the pure metal content. This is of course far from the situation of the raw materials extracted in mines and used for further purification by smelting and refining. It is even far from an intermediate product often produced within the integrated unit of mining and smelting, for example metal concentrates. And it may still be inconsistent even with the highest purity of metal achieved at the final stage of manufacturing. In order to overcome the problem of defining at which quality level, i.e. the grade of metal content of the marketed product leaving the primary production sector, metallic minerals are marketed, it was decided in this study to account for the total mass of metallic mineral in its virgin state as the used extraction of the commodity. So, used extraction, in this case, comprises the metal content plus the ancillary mass of the crude ore. They are counted by multiplying the metal content in tonnes by 100 divided by the metal grade in %. Hidden flows or unused extractions, in this case, are additional overburden or rock removed to extract the crude ore.

Raw material inputs of iron ores were presented in worksheet 01, 'Ores/iron/domestic'. Data reported in actual weights were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). German data were replaced with numbers from official German statistics (production statistics of FSOG, mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder*, annual reports of the German Federal Institution of Geosciences and Raw Materials). Data for Austria were replaced by the database of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education in Vienna (IFF). A universal hidden flow coefficient of 1.38 (in tonnes of hidden flows per tonne of commodity) was used referring to the situation in Brazil and Canada (Merten et al., 1995).

Raw material inputs of copper ores were presented in worksheet 02 'Ores/copper/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). Copper grades of ores (in %) were taken from the database of the World Resources Institute (WRI — personal communication, based on publications of the US Bureau of Mines). They were available for Spain, Portugal, Sweden and Finland, representing between 88 % and 100 % of the total EU-15 metal contents. For other Member States, the average global grades of copper ores were applied. To account for hidden flows of copper ores, the following information was used (also from WRI):

- stripping ratio (open-pit) in tonnes overburden per tonne usable extraction;
- open pit in % of total copper mining.

These two parameters were available for Spain and Sweden, representing between 74 % and 94 % of total used extractions in EU-15. No such hidden flows were counted for other Member States. For underground mining, a minimum rucksack

ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed for all Member States of EU-15.

Raw material inputs of zinc ores were presented in worksheet 03 'Ores/zinc/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). Zinc grades of ores (in %) were taken from EMY and from a publication of the US Bureau of Mines (BOM, 1993). To account for hidden flows of zinc ores in Germany, official data from the mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder* were used. For other EU Member States, a minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed.

Raw material inputs of lead ores were presented in worksheet 04 'Ores/lead/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). Lead grades of ores (in %) were taken from EMY and from a publication of the US Bureau of Mines (BOM, 1993). To account for hidden flows of lead ores in Germany, official data from the mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder* were used. For other EU Member States, a minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed.

Raw material inputs of aluminium ores (bauxite) were presented in worksheet 05, 'Ores/bauxite/domestic'. Data reported in gross weights of crude ore mined were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and the Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). German data were taken from official German statistics (production statistics of FSOG, mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder*, annual reports of the German Federal Institution of Geosciences and Raw Materials). Hidden flow coefficients (in tonnes of overburden per tonne of bauxite) were available specifically for Greece (Rohn et al., 1995) and for the global average (Adriaanse et al., 1997) which was used for other EU Member States.

Raw material inputs of tin ores were presented in worksheet 06 'Ores/tin/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents from taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). Tin grades of ores (in %) were taken from Young (1993) for a global average and from a publication of the US Bureau of Mines (BOM, 1986) for the UK. A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of tungsten ores were presented in worksheet 07 'Ores/tungsten/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), and EMY (1993–95). Tungsten grades of ores (in %) were taken for Austria, France, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the UK from a publication of the US Bureau of Mines (BOM, 1985) and from Gocht (1985) for a global average. A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of vanadium ores were presented in worksheet 08 'Ores/vanadium/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92). Finland is the only EU member concerned and data are reported for one year: 1985. Vanadium grades of ores (in %) were taken from Gocht (1985) for crude ores in South Africa. A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1

tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of manganese ores were presented in worksheet 09 'Ores/manganese/domestic'. Data given in actual weights were taken from Unctad for 1985 (Commodity Yearbook) and EMY for 1986 to 1995. A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of chromium ores were presented in worksheet 10 'Ores/chromium/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92) and in gross weights by EMY (1986–95). A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of nickel ores were presented in worksheet 11 'Ores/nickel/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). Nickel grades of ores (in %) were taken for Finland and Greece from a publication of the US Bureau of Mines (BOM, 1984) and from Young (1993) for a global average. A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of titanium ores were presented in worksheet 12 'Ores/titanium/domestic'. Data reported in gross weights of ilmenite concentrates were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92) and EMY (1993–95). According to EMY, at least 36 % titanium is found in concentrates from ilmenite. Nickel grades of ores (in %) were taken for Finland and Italy from a publication of the US Bureau of Mines (BOM, 1986) and from Gocht (1985) for a global average of titanium in ilmenite sands. A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of silver ores were presented in worksheet 13 'Ores/silver/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). Silver grades of ores (in %) were taken for Finland, France, Italy, Spain and Sweden from a publication of the US Bureau of Mines (BOM, 1986) and from Wilmouth et al. (1991) for a global average. A rucksack ratio of 1.25 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of gold ores were presented in worksheet 14 'Ores/gold/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). Gold grades of ores (in %) were taken from Young (1993) for a global average. A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of tantalum and niobium ores were presented in worksheet 15 'Ores/tantalum/niobium/domestic'. Data reported in gross weights of concentrates were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92). No hidden flows were counted.

Raw material inputs of antimony ores were presented in worksheet 16 'Ores/antimony/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92). Antimony grades of ores (in %) were taken from Gocht (1985) for the average in rich, sulphuric ores. A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of cobalt ores were presented in worksheet 17 'Ores/cobalt/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents of ores and concentrates were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92). No hidden flows were counted.

Raw material inputs of mercury ores were presented in worksheet 18 'Ores/mercury/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents recovered from ores and concentrates were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92). Mercury grades of ores (in %) were taken from Wilmouth et al. (1991) for a global average. A minimum rucksack ratio of 0.1 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction was assumed to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of uranium ores were presented in worksheet 19 'Ores/uranium/domestic'. Data reported in metal contents of ores and concentrates were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92). German data were taken from official German statistics (mining statistics of the mining authorities of the *Länder*). Uranium grades of ores (in %) were taken from Manstein (1995) for a global average. Rucksack ratios of 1.9 tonnes of unused extraction per tonne of used extraction were used for underground mining and 30 t/t for open-pit mining (Manstein, 1995, open-pit was attributed to the former East Germany) to account for hidden flows.

Raw material inputs of pyrite and pyrrhotite were presented in worksheet 20 'Ores/pyrite/pyrrhotite/domestic'. Data reported in gross weights were taken from the UN-ICSY (1985–92), EMY (1993–95), and Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG (1996–97). The coefficients for hidden flows in Germany (in tonnes of hidden flows per tonne of commodity) were between 0.7 and 1.2. Only hidden flows for Germany were counted.

3. Foreign material flows

The following chapters will give descriptions of data and methods for the step-by-step accounting of foreign material flows of EU-15 as shown in the upper right hand side of Figure 1. Its major components are organised in the following files:

- 00: Imports/general;
- 01: Imports/agriculture/raw;
- 02: Imports/forestry/raw;
- 03: Imports/animals/raw products;
- 04: Imports/agricult./plant product;
- 05: Imports/agricult./animal product;
- 06: Imports/forestry/semi;
- 07: Imports/forestry/finished;
- 08: Imports/biotic products;
- 09: Imports/fossils/raw;
- 10: Imports/metals/raw;
- 11: Imports/minerals/raw;
- 12: Imports/fossils/semi;
- 13: Imports/metals/semi;
- 14: Imports/minerals/semi;
- 15: Imports/metals/finished;
- 16: Imports/minerals/finished;
- 17: Imports/abiotic products;
- 18: Imports/other products;
- 19: EU12/Imports/1988–94;
- Summary.

Data for extra-EU imports of commodities (in tonnes and ECU) from 1988 to 1997 were downloaded from the electronic database of Eurostat on CD-ROM (© ECSC-EC-EAEC, 1998). The only exception from this source were data for commodity 2716, electricity. Data extracted for 2716 from the CD-ROM were reported in tonnes which, of course, does not make sense. The correct unit of measure, however, could not be identified. Therefore, data for imported electricity by the EU were taken from OECD energy statistics series reported there in GWh.

At the beginning of this study, data for EU-15 from 1995 to 1997 were collected. Later on it was decided to extend the time series with imports on EU-12 from 1988 to 1994. Therefore, these data were collected in file 19, named 'EU-12/imports/1988–94'. As already mentioned in the beginning, it has to be considered further that data for EU-12 exclude imports by the former GDR from 1988 to 1990, but include these imports since 1991 within the re-united Germany.

As can be seen from the list of files 01 to 18 for the categorisation of imports, the overall aim of this exercise was to distinguish between raw materials, semi-manufactured products and finished products. TMR accounts on the international level so far comprised hidden flows of raw materials and semi-manufactured products, but mainly because of data restrictions, not for finished products (Adriaanse et al., 1997). Classifications of the foreign trade statistics of Eurostat, however, do not identify these three material groups. Therefore, a comparative analysis had to be performed using a comparative statement of two German official foreign trade classification systems, (a) 'Commodities of the nutrition industry and the commercial industry' (*Waren der Ernährungswirtschaft und der*

Gewerblichen Wirtschaft — EGW'), and (b) 'Commodity register for foreign trade statistics' (*Warenverzeichnis für die Aussenhandelsstatistik* — WA). This comparative statement was kindly provided by the Federal Statistical Office Germany (document EGW/WA, 1999). Whereas the WA classification is identical to the one made available here by Eurostat data, the EGW classification distinguishes the following four major groups:

- nutrition industry;
- commercial industry: raw materials;
- commercial industry: semi-manufactured products;
- commercial industry: finished products (with further breakdown into pre-manufactured and final products).

This means that commodities of the commercial industry can be clearly differentiated. Commodities of the nutrition industry are further differentiated by:

- living animals;
- nutritional goods originating from animals;
- nutritional goods originating from plants;
- natural stimulants (*Genussmittel*, i.e. coffee, tobacco, beer, etc.).

The first two groups (animal products) contain raw materials in terms of material flow accounting in the form of (wild) fishes. They were classified here in two files ('animals/raw and products', i.e. fish, crab, molluscs and derived products, and 'agricultural animal products') without further distinction by semi-manufactured products and finished products. The other two groups, originating from plants, comprise both raw materials (e.g. wheat or tobacco leaves) and products (e.g. wheat flour or cigarettes). Raw materials were selected and grouped under the heading 'agricultural raw materials'. The remaining products were not further differentiated into semi-manufactured products and finished products but grouped under the heading 'agricultural plant products'.

The classification procedure of the four main groups according to the German EGW classification was documented in workbook 'Summary' in each of the worksheets/tables referring to the commodity groups 01 to 18 as listed above. It allocates the classification numbers of foreign trade statistics of Eurostat to the four EGW classes.

File 00 'Imports/general' contains two files, named 'ECU261610/90' and 'FAO yields'. File 'ECU261610/90' contains worksheets with data of imports of commodities 261610 (silver ores and concentrates) and 261690 (precious metals ores and concentrates, excluding silver) in monetary units (1 000 ECU). The use of these data will be described later in the context of file 10 'Imports/metals/raw'. File 'FAO yields' contains worksheets with data of yields (in hg per ha) by countries for agricultural raw materials which had been downloaded from the FAO web site (<http://apps.fao.org>). The use of these data will be described in the context of file 01 'Imports/agriculture/raw'.

3.1. Agricultural raw materials

Data to account for imported agricultural raw materials and their hidden flows (erosion) are presented in file 01 'Imports/agriculture/raw' in 45 workbooks. In general, the accounting is standardised by subdividing workbooks into five worksheets/tables (a) for nomenclature (*Nomenklatur*), (b) for FAO yields in hg per ha (*Erträge*), (c) for original data of extra-EU imports in tonnes (*Importe*), (d)

for land use in hectare accounted from data in the two previous sheets (*Flächen*), and (e) for erosion in tonnes accounted from the land-use data by multiplication with erosion rates in tonnes per hectare (*Erosion*) taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute.

Table 9 shows in detail which commodities (*Waren*) along with their classification numbers were differentiated to account for the material flows of imported agricultural raw materials. A green mark indicates that country-specific data were used (in that case yields and erosion rates) to account for the hidden flows (unused material flows).

Table 9: Accounting of imported agricultural raw materials by commodity

Classification	Waren	Commodity
06	Lebende Pflanzen etc.	Living plants etc.
07	Gemüse	Vegetable
0801-10,-11,-19	Kokosnüsse	Coconuts
0802-21,-22	Haselnüsse	Hazelnuts
0802-31,-32	Walnüsse	Walnuts
0803	Bananen	Bananas
0805	Zitrusfrüchte	Citrus fruit
0806	Trauben	Grapes
080810	Äpfel	Apple
080920	Kirschen	Cherries
080940	Pflaumen	Prunes
0810	Beerenfrüchte etc.	Berries etc.
08Rest	Andere Früchte und Nüsse etc.	Other fruit and nuts, etc.
090111	Kaffee	Coffee
0902	Tee	Tea
0903	Mate	Mate
0904to0910	Gewürze	Spices
1001	Weizen	Wheat
1002	Roggen	Rye
1003	Gerste	Barley
1004	Hafer	Oat
1005	Mais	Maize
1006	Reis	Rice
1007	Sorghum	Sorghum
1008	Anderes Getreide	Other cereals
1201	Sojabohnen	Soy beans
1203	Kopra	Copra
1204	Leinsamen	Linseed
1205	Rapssamen	Rapeseed
1206	Sonnenblumenkerne	Sunflowerseed
1210	Hopfen	Hops
12Rest	Andere Ölsaaten etc.	Other oilseeds etc.
1301	Schellack, Gummen, Harze etc.	Shellac, rubber, resin, etc.
1302	Andere Pflanzensäfte und -auszüge	Other plant juices and extracts
14	Flechtstoffe etc.	Plant fibres etc.
1801	Kakao	Cocoa
2401	Tabak	Tobacco
4001	Naturkautschuk	Natural rubber
5201	Baumwolle	Cotton
5301	Flachs	Flax
5302	Hanf	Hemp
5303	Jute	Jute
5304	Sisal	Sisal
5305	Kokosfasern	Coconut fibre

Country specific data base for unused material flows.

3.2. Forestry raw materials

Data to account for imported forestry raw materials are presented in file 02, 'Imports/forestry/raw' in 4 workbooks for the following commodities:

- 4401: fuel wood etc.;
- 4403: roundwood;
- 4404: wood roughly prepared etc.;
- 4501: natural cork.

No hidden flows are counted.

3.3. Animals as raw materials and products

Data to account for imported animals raw materials and products are presented in file 03, 'Imports/animals/raw products', in 3 workbooks for the following commodities:

- fish etc.;
- fish products;
- crab/Molluscs preparations.

The hidden flows of imported fish (03 and 1604) were estimated according to a study by Greenpeace (Frankfurter Rundschau of 6 November 1999), according to which 25 % of the catch is being discarded on board (by-catch).

3.4. Agricultural plant products

Data to account for imported agricultural plant products are presented in file 04, 'Imports/agricult/plant product', in 51 workbooks. At country-specific level, four commodities are counted with respect to land use and erosion as described for agricultural raw materials (Table 10).

For most of the remaining commodities, erosion was estimated within the workbook 'Summary imports' in the worksheet 'Agriculture plant products'. There, erosion coefficients for EU imports of the corresponding raw materials (e.g. wheat) were multiplied with coefficients for raw material inputs of the product (e.g. wheat flour, 1 tonne being produced from 1.28 tonnes of wheat grains), the latter coefficients were taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute.

Table 10: Accounting of imported agricultural plant products by commodity

Classification	Waren	Commodity
0901-12to-90	Kaffee, geröstet und/oder entkoffeiniert	Coffee, roasted and/or decaffeinated
1101	Weizenmehl	Wheat flour
1102	Mehl von anderen Getreiden	Flour of other cereals
1103	Gries/Pellets von Getreiden	Groats/pellets of cereals
1104	Getreidekörner, bearbeitet	Cereal grains, processed
1105	Kartoffelerzeugnisse	Potato products
1106	Mehl, Gries von anderen Feldfrüchten	Flour, groats of other field crops
1107	Malz	Malt
1108	Stärke	Starch
1109	Kleber von Weizen	Wheat gluten
1701	Zucker aus Rüben und Zuckerrohr	Sugar of beets and sugar cane
1702	Anderer Zucker	Other sugars
1703	Zuckermelassen	Sugar molasses
1704	Zuckerwaren	Sugar confectioneries
1802t01806	Kakaozubereitungen	Cocoa products
1901	Malzextrakt etc.	Malt extract etc.
1902	Teigwaren	Pastry
1903	Tapiokasago	Tapioca preparations
1904	Getreidezubereitungen	Cereals preparations
1905	Brot und Backwaren	Bread and bakery products
2001	Gemüsezubereitungen	Vegetable preparations
2002	Tomaten zubereitet	Tomato preparations
2003	Pilze zubereitet	Mushrooms preparations
2004	Andere Gemüse zubereitet, gefroren	Other vegetables preparations, frozen
2005	Andere Gemüse zubereitet, nicht gefroren	Other vegetables preparations, not frozen
2006	Früchte zubereitet mit Zucker	Fruit prepared with sugar
2007	Konfitüren etc.	Marmalades, jellies, etc.
2008	Fruchtkonserven	Fruit conserved
2009	Fruchtsäfte	Fruit juices
2101	Pflanzenauszüge	Plant extracts
2203	Bier	Beer
2204	Wein etc.	Wine etc.
2205	Wermutwein	Vermouth
2206	Apfelwein	Apple wine
2207	Ethanol	Ethanol
2208	Spirituosen	Spirits
2209	Weinessig/Speiseessig	Wine vinegar, other vinegar for nutrition
2302	Rückstände Getreide/Hülsenfrüchte	Residues of cereals/pulses
2303	Rückstände Maisstärke/Zuckerrüben/Treber	Residues of corn starch/sugar beets/draff,
2304	Ölkuchen Soja	Oilcake soybeans
2305	Ölkuchen Erdnuss	Oilcake peanuts
2306	Ölkuchen andere Ölsaaten	Oilcake other oilseeds
2307	Weintrub/Weinstein	Tartar
2308	Eicheln/Roßkastanien/Trester/Andere pflanzl. Futtermittel	Acorns/horse-chestnuts/skins of pressed grapes/other plant foodstuffs
2402to2403	Tabakwaren	Tobacco products
5202to5212	Baumwollerzeugnisse	Cotton manufactures
5306	Leinen, Garne	Flax, yarn
5307	Jute, Garne	Jute, yarn
5308	Andere Pflanzenfasern, Garne	Other plant fibres, yarn
53Rest	Gewebe aus Flachs, Jute u.a. pflanzl. Fasern	Tissues of flax, jute, and other plant fibres
46	Flechtwaren und Korbmacherwaren	Wickerwork and basket-maker ware

Country-specific data base for unused material flows.

3.5. Agricultural animal products

Data to account for imported agricultural animal products are organised under the file 05, 'Imports/agricult/animal products', in 50 workbooks (Table 11). For

these commodities, erosion was estimated within the workbook 'Summary imports' in worksheet 'Agriculture/animal products'. There, erosion coefficients for EU imports of the commodities were introduced from the database of the Wuppertal Institute.

Table 11: Accounting of imported agricultural animal products by commodity

Classification	Waren	Commodity
0101	Lebende Pferde etc.	Live horses etc.
0102	Lebendes Rindvieh etc.	Live bovine animals
0103	Lebende Schweine etc.	Live swine etc.
0104	Lebende Schafe etc.	Live sheep etc.
0105	Lebende Geflügel etc.	Live poultry etc.
0106	Andere lebende Tiere	Other live animals
0201	Rindfleisch, frisch, gekühlt	Bovine meat, fresh, chilled
0202	Rindfleisch, gefroren	Bovine meat, frozen
0203	Schweinefleisch, frisch, gekühlt, gefroren	Swine meat, fresh, chilled, frozen
0204	Schaf-Ziegen-fleisch, frisch, gekühlt, gefroren	Sheep (goat meat, fresh, chilled, frozen
0205	Pferdefleisch, frisch, gekühlt, gefroren	Horse meat, fresh, chilled, frozen
0206	Schlachtnebenerzeugnisse	Edible offals
0207	Geflügelfleisch	Poultry meat
0208	Fleisch von anderen Tieren	Meat of other animals
0209	Schweine-/Geflügel-fett	Swine/poultry fat
0210	Fleisch/Innereien, gesalzen, getrocknet	Meat/offals, salted, dried
0401	Milch und Sahne	Milk and cream
0402	Milchpulver etc.	Milk powder etc.
0403	Buttermilch etc.	Buttermilk etc.
0404	Molke	Whey
0405	Butter	Butter
0406	Käse und Quark	Cheese and curd
0407	Eier	Eggs
0408	Eigelb etc.	Egg yolk
0409	Honig	Honey
0410	Andere tierische Waren	Other animal goods
1601	Würste etc.	Sausages etc.
1602	Fleischzubereitungen	Meat preparations
1603	Fleischextrakte	Meat extracts
4101	Häute/Felle von Rind/Pferd etc.	Hides/skins of bovine/horse, etc.
4102	Felle von Schaf/lamm	Skins of sheep/lamb
4104	Leder von Rind/Kalb/Pferd	Leather of bovine/calf/horse
4105	Leder von Schaf/Lamm	Leather of sheep/lamb
4106	Leder von Ziege/Zickel	Leather of goat
5001	Seidenraupenkokons	Silk worm cocoons
5002	Grege	Grege
5003	Abfälle von Seide	Silk wastes
5004	Seidengarne	Silk yarns
5005	Seidengarne	Silk yarns
5006	Seidengarne	Silk yarns
5007	Seidengewebe	Silk weaves
5101	Wolle	Wool
5102	Tierhaare	Animals hair
5103	Abfälle von Wolle	Wool wastes
5104	Reisspinnstoffe aus Wolle	Wool textile fibre
5105	Wolle gekämmt	Wool combed
5106	Wollgarne	Wool yarns
5107	Wollgarne	Wool yarns
5108	Wollgarne	Wool yarns
5109	Wollgarne	Wool yarns
5110	Wollgarne	Wool yarns
5111 to 5113	Wollgewebe	Wool tissue

3.6. Forestry semi-manufactured products

Data to account for imported semi-manufactured products from forestry are presented in file 06, 'Imports/forestry/semi', by the following commodities:

- charcoal;
- wood-wool;
- sleepers;
- sawn wood;
- veneer;
- semi-manufactured products of wood.

No hidden flows are counted.

3.7. Forestry finished products

Data to account for imported finished products from forestry are presented in file 07, 'Imports/forestry/finished', by the following commodities:

- 4409 to 4421: wooden products;
- 45 rest: cork products;
- paper and board;
- paper ware.

No hidden flows are counted.

3.8. Biotic products

Data to account for imported biotic products which could not be clearly allocated to one of the material groups described before are presented in file 08, 'Imports/biotic products', by the following commodities:

- animal/plant fertilisers;
- other animal products etc.;
- animal/plant fats and oils, etc.;
- yeasts;
- sauce and preparations;
- soups and broths;
- ice cream;
- other food preparations;
- flour, pellets of meat/fish;
- foodstuffs preparations;
- hides/skins of goat/reptiles/other animals;
- leather of pigs/reptiles/other animals;
- 4108 to 4111: leather/rest;
- pelts, crude, complete;
- pelts, curried, prepared, assembled;
- clothing, other ware of pelts.

No hidden flows are counted.

3.9. Fossil energy carriers, raw materials

Data to account for imported fossil energy carriers as raw materials are presented in file 09, 'Imports/fossils/raw', by the following commodities in individual workbooks:

- hard coal;
- brown coal (lignite);
- peat;
- crude oil;
- natural gas;
- bituminous crude materials.

For peat, a hidden flow coefficient of 0.25 (tonnes per tonne of imported commodity) was used (Douglas and Lawson, 1997). The hidden flows of crude oil were accounted using a coefficient of 0.17 tonnes (abiotic materials) per tonne of oil, taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change (it can be found on the Internet: <http://www.wupperinst.org/Projekte/mipsonline/download> — document: MI-Werte.pdf). No hidden flows were accounted for bituminous crude materials.

The hidden flows of imported hard coal were estimated using hidden flow coefficients for the following countries (database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change):

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| — Australia: | 10.64; |
| — Russia and former Soviet Union: | 5.13; |
| — Canada: | 18.87; |
| — Colombia: | 11.99; |
| — South Africa: | 3.84; |
| — United States: | 6.31. |

For all other imports a hidden flow coefficient of 0.89 was used in reference to the German value in 1990.

The hidden flows of imported brown coal (lignite) were estimated using hidden flow coefficients for the following countries (database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change):

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|-------------------|------|
| — Australia: | 7.4; |
| — Poland: | 7.4; |
| — Czech Republic: | 6.6. |

For all other imports a hidden flow coefficient of 3.2 was used.

The hidden flows of imported natural gas were estimated using hidden flow coefficients for the following countries (database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change):

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|-----------------------------------|-------|
| — Russia and former Soviet Union: | 0.56; |
| — Norway: | 0.49. |

For all other imports a hidden flow coefficient of 0.2 was used (for abiotic materials, taken from the database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change (it can be found on the Internet:

<http://www.wupperinst.org/Projekte/mipsonline/download> — document: MI-Werte.pdf).

3.10. Metals, raw materials

Data to account for imported metals as raw materials (ores and concentrates) are organised under the file 10 'Imports/metals/raw' by the following commodities in individual workbooks:

- iron ores;
- manganese ores;
- copper ores;
- nickel ores;
- cobalt ores;
- aluminium ores;
- lead ores;
- zinc ores;
- tin ores;
- chromium ores;
- tungsten ores;
- uranium/thorium ores;
- molybdenum ores;
- titanium ores;
- 26151000: zirkonium ores;
- 26159010: niob/tantalum ores;
- 26159090: vanadium ores;
- 261610: silver ores;
- 261690: precious metal ores;
- 261710: antimony ores;
- 261790: other ores, unspecified;
- 26rest: slags, ashes, residues, etc.

The hidden flows of imported metals were estimated by a standard procedure comprising two components: ancillary mass (the part of extracted material which does not contain the metal under consideration) and overburden material (material that has to be removed in order to get access to the metal containing layers). Thus, the specific concentrations (%) of metal in the crude ore have to be known, as well as the specific concentrations (%) of metal in the traded commodity. Furthermore, the ratios of extracted raw material to crude ore have to be considered, and the ratios of overburden to crude ore. The ancillary mass is then given by dividing the metal concentration in the traded commodity by the metal concentration in the crude ore, multiplying the result with ratio of raw material extracted per crude ore, and subtracting 1 (for the own weight of the traded commodity). Overburden is counted by multiplying the total mass of raw material extracted (ancillary mass plus crude ore) by the overburden ratio. As far as possible the basic parameters for this accounting were used for single countries specifically.

The hidden flows of imported iron ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1987) for specific countries, or in general 58 % (after Merten et al., 1995);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: same as in crude ores;
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.11 (Gocht, 1985);

— ratio of overburden to crude ore: 1.8 (Gocht, 1985).

Hidden flows of imported iron ores from the United States were accounted specifically after Adriaanse et al. (1997).

The hidden flows of imported manganese ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1992) for specific countries, or in general 30 % (Young, 1993);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: BOM (1992) for specific countries, or in general 44 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.25 (Gocht, 1985)
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 1 (Gocht, 1985).

The hidden flows of imported copper ores and concentrates were estimated using hidden flows coefficients on country-specific levels for Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, South Africa, Turkey, the United States, the former Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and Zaire (database of WRI after BOM, after Schütz, 1997). For other imports the following basic parameters were used:

- metal contents in crude ores (BOM, 1992);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: in general 27 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.21 (Ayres and Ayres, 1996);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 2 (database of the Wuppertal Institute).

The hidden flows of imported nickel ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1984) for specific countries, or in general 2.5 % (Young, 1993);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: in general 15 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.36 (database of the Wuppertal Institute);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 1.26 (Gocht, 1985).

No hidden flows of imported cobalt ores and concentrates were estimated because cobalt is often associated with nickel.

The hidden flows of imported aluminium ores and concentrates (bauxite) were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1983) for specific countries, or in general 23 % (Young, 1993);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: same as in crude ores;
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1 (database of the Wuppertal Institute);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: after Rohn et al. (1995):

- Australia: 0.2;
- Guinea: 0.2;
- Jamaica: 0.05;
- Brazil: 0.9;
- India: 0.2;

- Surinam: 0.3;
- China: 6.6;
- Guyana: 7.5;
- Sierra Leone: 0.1.

For other imports a ratio of 0.95 tonnes overburden per tonne of crude ore was used (database of the Wuppertal Institute).

The hidden flows of imported lead ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1993) for specific countries, or 5 % in general (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 65 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.11 (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

Lead and zinc usually occur together at the same location, and both metals are marketed. Therefore, they were considered as co-products in this study. In order to account for the hidden flows of lead or zinc, their relative share in resource deposits were taken into account for individual countries (BOM, 1993).

The hidden flows of imported zinc ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1993) for specific countries, or 3.7 % in general (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 57.5 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.11 (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

Lead and zinc usually occur together at the same location, and both metals are marketed. Therefore, they were considered as co-products in this study. In order to account for the hidden flows of lead or zinc, their relative share in resource deposits were taken into account for individual countries (BOM, 1993).

The hidden flows of imported tin ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1986) for specific countries, or depending on geographical information (Gocht, 1985) 1 % for deposits of primary ores (Young, 1993), and 0.36 for both deposits of primary ores and soaps within the same country; the latter coefficient (0.36) was obtained by weighing 1 % tin in primary ores by 35 % global occurrence (Gocht, 1985) and 0.016 % tin (Rohn et al., 1995) by 65 % global occurrence (Gocht, 1985);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 29 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.11 (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

The hidden flows of imported chromium ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1993) for specific countries, or in general 17 % (Gocht, 1985);

- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 31 % (Gocht, 1985), except for Kazakhstan (38 %) and for South Africa (34 %);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.18 (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 1.325, obtained by equal weighing (50/50) of ratio of underground mining (0.27 for South Africa, Liedtke et al., 1995) and ratio of open-pit mining (2.38 for Kazakhstan, Liedtke et al., 1995).

The hidden flows of imported tungsten ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1985) for specific countries, or in general 1.09 % (Gocht, 1985);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 52 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.18 (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

The hidden flows of imported uranium and thorium ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: 0.2 % (Manstein, 1995);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 100 % (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1 (assumption);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 16 obtained by equal weighing (50/50) of ratio of underground mining (2, Manstein, 1995) and ratio of open-pit mining (30, Manstein, 1995).

The hidden flows of imported molybdenum ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1985) for specific countries, or in general 0.2 % (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 53.9 % (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.11 (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

The hidden flows of imported titanium ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1986) for specific countries, or in general 0.52 % (Gocht, 1985);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 57 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.11 (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

No hidden flows of imported zirconium ores and concentrates were estimated because zirconium (and hafnium) is often associated with titanium.

The hidden flows of imported niobium and tantalum ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: in general 2 % (Gocht, 1985);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 40.2 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.54 (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

The hidden flows of imported vanadium ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: in general 0.95 % (Gocht, 1985);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 10.1 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.1 (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

Imported commodities of classification 26161000 are named 'silver ores and concentrates' in official foreign trade statistics. This implies that the value of the imports is in relation to the silver content of the ores and concentrates. Pure silver metal ingots are usually traded at 99.9 % silver content. Average annual prices for this commodity are recorded by statistics (e.g. Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG). There, pure silver is a semi-manufacture with commodity No 7106. However, no direct information could be obtained for the quality or composition of the imported raw material, silver ores and concentrates. The silver content of crude ores usually is about 0.03 % (Wilmouth et al., 1991). For individual countries, the following silver contents in crude ores were determined (BOM, 1986): Canada (0.00461 %), Morocco (0.03119 %), Peru (0.01381 %), and the United States (0.01438 %). Silver in natural deposits is often associated with co-products and by-products like gold, zinc, lead and copper (BOM, 1986). These, however, in high-quality trade forms, have either an almost 100 times higher price (gold), or an almost 100 times lower price than silver (zinc, lead and copper). The range of values of imports of commodity 26161000, 'silver ores and concentrates', from individual countries by the EU is from about 1 000 ECU/kg (Zimbabwe and Papua New Guinea in 1988) to 0.01 ECU/kg (Norway in 1993). In the first case, it has to be assumed that imports contain even more valuable precious metals than silver (which reached an average price of USD 210 per kg at 99.9 % ingots in 1988). The latter case was exceptional with only one similar situation in 1991 when imports from Sweden had a price of 0.02 ECU/kg. For the remaining cases within the time series from 1988 to 1997, the average values of imports of commodity 26161000, 'silver ores and concentrates', was within the range of prices for silver or by-products (zinc, lead and copper).

Clearly, the terminology of commodity 26161000, 'silver ores and concentrates', is misleading because it implies a homogenous material composition which can hardly be confirmed by the values in comparison with silver prices (unless crude silver ores at very low silver content are traded which does not seem to make sense). However, for the accounting of hidden flows of imported silver ores and concentrates, this finding caused significant uncertainty about which reference metal content should be assumed. The problem was solved in this study by applying a linear relationship between silver contents of imports and their values, taking the price of silver at 99.9 % ingots as the reference value. The lowest grade of silver in imported ores and concentrates was fixed at 10 %, referring to the silver content in enriched lead (Gocht, 1985). Other basic assumptions were the following:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1986) for specific countries, or in general 0.03 % (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 95 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1 (assumption)
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 1.25 obtained by equal weighing (50/50); of ratio of underground mining (0.5) and ratio of open-pit mining (2).

Imported commodities of classification 26169000 are named 'precious metals, ores and concentrates (excluding silver ores and concentrates)' in official foreign trade statistics. According to Gocht (1985) precious metals, excluding silver, are gold and the platinum group metals (PGM metals), which are platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, osmium and ruthenium. The term precious metals, thus, implies that the value of the imports is in relation to the precious metal content of the ores and concentrates. Pure gold metal ingots are usually traded at 100 % gold content. The lowest quality of crude gold has about 80–90 % gold content (Gocht, 1985; Renner and Johns, 1989). Average annual prices for traded gold are recorded by statistics (e.g. Statistical Yearbook for Foreign Countries of FSOG). There, pure gold is a semi-manufacture with commodity No 7108 and PGM metals are semi-manufactured products with commodity No 7110. However, no direct information could be obtained for the quality or composition of the imported raw material, precious metals ores and concentrates. The average global gold content of crude ores is about 0.00033 % to 0.0004 % (Young, 1993; Wilmouth et al., 1991). For individual countries, the following gold content in crude ores were determined: Canada (0.00114 %), South Africa (0.00095 %), the United States (0.00022 %), Zimbabwe (0.00062 %) (BOM, 1986), and Papua New Guinea (0.0004 %) (Renner and Johns, 1989). Gold and PGM metals in natural deposits are often associated with co-products and by-products like silver, cobalt, copper and nickel (BOM, 1986). Prices for these compounds, however, vary greatly, e.g. for mine production in South-Africa (BOM, 1986, USD per kg):

Co-products:

— platinum:	16 278;
— palladium:	4 623;
— rhodium:	41 737;
— gold:	12 241.

By-products:

— cobalt:	19;
— copper	2;
— iridium:	9 728;
— nickel:	16;
— osmium:	17 631;
— ruthenium:	1 991.

The range of values of imports of commodity 26169000, 'precious metals ores and concentrates', from individual countries by the EU is from about 10 000 ECU/kg (Indonesia, 1990, 1991, 1995–97) to 0.06 ECU/kg (Guadeloupe, 1996). In the first case, it has to be assumed that imports predominantly contained valuable precious metals (over the time period 1988–97 gold reached average prices of USD 10 647 to 14 054 per kg at 100 % ingots). The latter case of prices being lower than 0.5 ECU/kg was met in some more cases (Turkey in 1991, Finland in 1992, Argentina in 1993, India in 1994). For the remaining cases within the time series from 1988 to 1997, the average values of imports of commodity 26169000, 'precious metals ores and concentrates', was within the range of prices for other by-products (cobalt, copper and nickel).

A specific problem occurred with data for commodity 26169000, 'precious metals ores and concentrates' regarding imports from Finland. The data downloaded from the Eurostat CD-ROM stated 11 424 tonnes imported by the EU from Finland in 1992, representing 77 % of the total imports in 1992 which were thereby significantly higher than in the remaining years of the time series (1988–97). Therefore, a cross-check was performed with respect to the validity of the data

from the Eurostat CD-ROM. First, it was confirmed by Eurostat on request that these data are correct (as downloaded). Second, the same information was asked from the official foreign trade statistics of Finland (Kari Tähtivaara, personal communication by e-mail from 25 February 2000). The latter request stated that 7 tonnes of commodity 26169000 had been exported to the EU (actually to Great Britain) in 1992 with a value of FIM 17 million (about EUR 2.8 million), so the value was about 400 EUR/kg. These 7 tonnes, thus, compare to 11 424 tonnes, and the question remains which number is right. Therefore, the data for extra-EU imports of commodity 26169000 from Finland were deleted.

Clearly, the terminology of commodity 26169000, 'precious metals ores and concentrates', is misleading because it implies a homogenous material composition which can hardly be confirmed by the values in comparison with precious metals prices. These values rather imply that crude precious metals ores at very low precious metals content are traded. For example, in any first production step of gold ore, treatment concentration processes are used such as gravity separation, milling, amalgamation or cyanidation (Renner and Johns, 1989). Cyanidation is common, for example, in South Africa since 1890 and the whole process chain leads to raw gold with a gold content of 80–90 %. Ground gold ore that contains large gold particles or sulphides may be unsuitable for cyanidation. Pre-treatment, consisting of gravity concentration, generally followed by amalgamation, is therefore nearly always necessary. Along this process chain, gravity concentration leads to a concentrate which is further processed by amalgamation to spongy gold and finally, by melting, to gold bars. The first intermediate product of this chain is a concentrate which may contain, besides gold, silver, iron pyrites, metallic iron and water content of about 70 %. Consequently, the overall metals content in this concentrate of gold ores is below 30 %, however, the share of gold and other individual metals is unknown. Since 1970, conventional cyanide leaching has been superseded by the carbon-in-pulp process. Besides, other methods have been used in recent times, including solvent extraction methods.

For the accounting of hidden flows of imported precious metals ores and concentrates, these findings caused significant uncertainty about which reference metal content should be assumed. The problem was solved in this study by applying a linear relationship between the gold contents of imports and their values, taking the price of gold at 100 % ingots as the reference value. Analogously to silver, the lowest grade of gold in imported ores and concentrates was fixed at 10 %. Other basic assumptions were the following:

- Metal contents in crude ores: specifically for the United States, Papua New Guinea, Canada, Zimbabwe and South Africa (which together accounted for, e.g., 75 % of global gold mine production in 1996), or 0.0001 % for the rest of the world gold production (derived from Renner and Johns, 1989, and statistics for foreign countries of FSOG);
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: according to prices (see above) or a minimum content of 10 %;
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1 (assumption);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 2.08 obtained by weighing of the ratio of underground mining (0.19) and the ratio of open-pit mining (2.24) with their respective shares in global gold mining (Wilmouth et al., 1991).

The hidden flows of imported antimony ores and concentrates were estimated using the following basic parameters:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1986) for specific countries, respectively regions;
- metal contents in traded ores or concentrates: 61 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1.1 (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

No hidden flows of imported other ores and concentrates (which are the difference between total 2 617, other ores and concentrates, and 26 171 000, antimony ores) were estimated.

No hidden flows of the remaining commodities of 26, which are mainly slags, ashes, residues, etc., were estimated.

3.11. Minerals, raw materials

Data to account for imported minerals as raw materials are presented in file 11 'Imports/minerals/raw'. The individual commodities, along with their classification numbers, are listed in Table 12, as well as the hidden flow coefficients used for corresponding materials, and the respective sources of data. The source called 'MAIA database' refers to the database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change (Internet: <http://www.wupperinst.org/Projekte/mipsonline/download> — document: MI-Werte.pdf). The source 'TMR study Germany' refers to the internal database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change. The accounting of hidden flows is done within the workbook 'Summary imports', in the worksheet/table 'Minerals raw'.

For commodity 2503, sulphur, no hidden flows were accounted, because sulphur in Germany is produced in the course of the purification of natural gas, i.e. as a by-product. No information was available for other sources of sulphur.

Also, regarding commodity 710310, precious stones (raw), no hidden flows were accounted because of the uncertainty about the individual composition of this aggregate material group. Furthermore, any serious data basis of hidden flow coefficients, as for example in the case of ores and concentrates, is missing for precious stones. There are singular sources on the high relevance of hidden flows for the extraction of some precious stones like rubies (Thailand) or sapphires (Madagascar) or precious stones in Brazil. However, these sources did not allow to attribute hidden flows with enough accuracy to the commodity 710310. Because of the high relevance of this commodity regarding environmental and social impacts, especially in countries of the South, a detailed study in this area is planned. Unfortunately, this was out of the temporal scope of this study. Therefore, a significant part of TMR of the EU-15 might be missing. A very rough calculation using the hidden flow coefficient of gold suggests, that this missing part may be in the range of 1 to 2 tonnes per capita.

Table 12: Commodities and hidden flows of imported minerals as raw materials

Classification	Commodity	HF coefficients*	Materials	Source
2501	Salts	1.29	Salts	TMR study Germany
2502	Pyrite	0.69	Pyrite and pyrrhotite	TMR study Germany
2503	Sulphur			
2504	Graphite	0.85	Graphite	TMR study Germany
2505	Sands	0.18	Sand and gravel	MAIA Database
2506	Quartz	0.08	Quartz	TMR study Germany
2507	Kaolin	1.99	Kaolin	MAIA database
2508	Clays and loams	0.25	Clays and loams	TMR study Germany
2509	Chalk	0.30	Chalk	TMR study Germany
2510	Phosphate	5.84	Phosphate	TMR study Germany
2511	Baryte	0.60	Baryte	TMR study Germany
2512	Diatomaceous earth	0.81	Diatomaceous earth	TMR study Germany
2513	Pumice stone	0.23	Natural stones	TMR study Germany
2514	Clay slate	0.23	Natural stones	TMR study Germany
2515	Marble etc.	0.23	Natural stones	TMR study Germany
2516	Granite etc.	0.23	Natural stones	TMR study Germany
2517	Fieldstones etc.	0.23	Natural stones	TMR study Germany
2518	Dolomite	0.33	Dolomite	TMR study Germany
2519	Magnesite	0.23	Natural stones	TMR study Germany
2520	Gypsum and anhydrite	0.007	Gypsum and anhydrite	TMR study Germany
2521	Limestone	0.085	Limestone	TMR study Germany
2524	Asbestos	0.23	Natural stones	TMR study Germany
2525	Mica	0.23	Natural stones	TMR study Germany
2526	Soapstone etc.	0.45	Soapstone	TMR study Germany
2527	Kryolithe etc.	3.64	Al-oxide	MAIA database
2528	Borates	0.23	Natural stones	TMR study Germany
2529	Feldspar etc.	0.008	Feldspar etc.	TMR study Germany
2530	Vermiculite etc.	0.3	Vermiculite etc.	TMR study Germany
7102-10-21-31	Diamonds, raw	5263157	Diamonds: South Africa	TMR study Germany
710310	Precious stones, raw			
7104-10-20	Quartz, manuf., other crude stones	0.08	Quartz	TMR study Germany
7105	Dust/powder of diamonds/precious stones			

* Hidden flows in tonnes of abiotic materials per tonne commodity.

3.12. Fossils, semi-manufactured products

Data to account for imported fossil fuels as semi-manufactured products are presented in file 12 'Imports/fossils/semi'. The individual commodities along with their classification numbers are listed in Table 13, as well as the hidden flow coefficients used for corresponding materials, and the respective sources of data. The source called 'MAIA database' refers to the database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change (Internet: <http://www.wupperinst.org/Projekte/mipsonline/download> — document: MI-Werte.pdf). The source 'TMR study Germany' refers to the internal database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change. The accounting of hidden flows is done within the workbook 'Summary imports', in the worksheet/table 'Fossils/semi'.

For the commodities 2705, hard coal gas, 2706, hard coal tar, 2707, hydrocarbons, 2708, pitch and pitch coke, no hidden flows were accounted, because they are typical by-products of the processing of hard coal or other fuels. No information was available for 2713, petroleum coke.

As already mentioned before, data on imports of commodity 2716, electricity, are reported in tonnes as downloaded from the Eurostat CD-ROM. This of course does not make sense. The correct unit of measure, however, could not be identified. So, data for imported electricity by the EU were taken from OECD energy statistics series reported there in GWh. To account for hidden flows a coefficient of 1.58 tonnes per MWh was used representing the average material intensity for European OECD countries.

Table 13: Commodities and hidden flows of imported fossil fuels as semi-manufactured products

Classification	Commodity	HF coefficients *	Materials	Source
2704	Coke	2.17	Hard coal coke	MAIA database
2705	Hard coal gas			
2706	Hard coal tar			
2707	Hydrocarbons			
2708	Pitch and pitch coke			
2710	Mineral oils	0.21	Fuel oil light, diesel	MAIA database
2712	Mineral waxes	0.164	Other refined petroleum products	TMR study Germany
2713	Petroleum coke			
2715	Bituminous mixtures	0.358	Bitumen	TMR study Germany
2716	Electricity	1.58	t/MWh for European OECD countries	MAIA database

* Hidden flows in tonnes abiotic materials per tonne of commodity

3.13. Metals, semi-manufactured products

Data to account for imported metals as semi-manufactured products are presented in file 13 'Imports/metals/semi'. The individual commodities along with their classification numbers are listed in Table 14, as well as the hidden flow coefficients used for corresponding materials, and the respective sources of data. The source called 'MAIA database' refers to the database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change (Internet: <http://www.wupperinst.org/Projekte/mipsonline/download> — document: MI-Werte.pdf). The source 'TMR study Germany' refers to the internal database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change. The accounting of hidden flows is done within the workbook 'Summary imports', in the worksheet/table 'Fossils semi' with the exception of commodities 7106, silver, 7108, gold, and 7110, platinum (treated in individual workbooks in file 13 'Imports/metals/semi').

The hidden flows of imported silver metal, commodity 7106, were estimated using the following basic assumptions:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1986) for specific countries: Canada (0.00461 %), Mexico (0.01061 %), Morocco (0.03119 %), Peru (0.01381 %), South Africa (0.0028 %), the United States (0.01438 %), or 0.03 % in general (Wilmouth et al., 1991);
- metal contents in traded commodity: 99.9 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1 (assumption);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 1.25 obtained by equal weighing (50/50) of ratio of underground mining (0.5) and ratio of open-pit mining (2).

The hidden flows of imported gold metal, commodity 7108, were estimated using the following basic assumptions:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1986) for specific countries: Australia (0.00061 %), Canada (0.00114 %), South Africa (0.00095 %), the United States (0.00022 %), or 0.00095 % in general (BOM, 1986, for South Africa);
- metal contents in traded commodity: 100 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1 (assumption);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 2.08 obtained by weighing of the ratio of underground mining (0.19) and the ratio of open-pit mining (2.24) with their respective shares in global gold mining (Wilmouth et al., 1991).

The hidden flows of imported platinum metal, commodity 7110, were estimated using the following basic assumptions:

- metal contents in crude ores: BOM (1993) for specific countries: Australia (0.00036 %), Canada (0.00005 %), Soviet Union/Russia (0.00005 %), South Africa (0.00035 %), the United States (0.00035 %), or 0.00035 % in general (BOM, 1993, for South Africa and the United States);
- metal contents in traded commodity: 99.9 % (Gocht, 1985);
- ratio of raw material extracted to crude ore: 1 (assumption);
- ratio of overburden to crude ore: 0.1 (assumption).

For the following commodities no hidden flows were accounted:

- 7112: precious metals waste/scrap;
- 7404: waste/scrap of copper;
- 7503: nickel waste/scrap;
- 7602: waste/scrap of aluminium;
- 7802: waste/scrap of lead;
- 7902: waste/scrap of zinc;
- 8002: waste/scrap of tin;
- 8103: tantalum and goods thereof, also waste/scrap;
- 8104: magnesium and goods thereof, also waste/scrap;
- 8105: cobalt and goods thereof, also waste/scrap;
- 8106: bismuth and goods thereof, also waste/scrap;
- 8107: cadmium and goods thereof, also waste/scrap;
- 8109: zirconium and goods thereof, also waste/scrap;
- 8112: beryllium, chromium, germanium, vanadium etc. and goods thereof, also waste/scrap;
- 8113: cermets and goods thereof, also waste/scrap.

Table 14: Commodities and hidden flows of imported metals as semi-manufactured products

Classification	Commodity	HF coefficients *	Materials	Source
7106	Silver			
7108	Gold			
7110	Platinum			
7112	Precious metals waste/scrap			
72	Iron and steel	3.66	Pig iron	MAIA database
7401	Copper mat, cement copper, etc.	186.15	Copper mat, cement	TMR study Germany
7402	Copper, unrefined, etc.	300.60	Cu: copper: metal, including alloys: raw, unmanufactured	TMR study Germany
7403	Copper, refined and alloyed, etc.	300.60	Cu: refined copper: alloyed	TMR study Germany
7404	Waste/scrap of copper			
7405	Copper pre-alloys	300.60	Cu: refined copper: alloyed	TMR study Germany
7406	Powder/tinsel of copper	249	Cu: copper, semis	TMR study Germany
7501	Nickel mat etc.	75.89	Ni: nickel	TMR study Germany
7502	Nickel crude	75.89	Ni: nickel: metal, including alloys, raw	TMR study Germany
7503	Nickel waste/scrap			
7504	Powder/tinsel of nickel	75.89	Ni: nickel, semis	TMR study Germany
7601	Aluminum, raw	5.09	Aluminium 70 % primary, 30 % secondary	MAIA database
7602	Waste/scrap of aluminum			
7603	Powder/tinsel of aluminum	5.09	Aluminium 70 % primary, 30 % secondary	MAIA database
7801	Lead, raw	14.6	Pb: lead metal	TMR study Germany
7802	Waste/scrap of lead			
7901	Zinc, raw	22.1	Zn: zinc metal	TMR study Germany
7902	Waste/scrap of zinc			
7903	Dust, powder/tinsel of zinc	22.1	Zn: zinc metal	TMR study Germany
8001	Tin, raw	6791	Sn: tin: metal, including alloys: raw, unmanufactured	TMR study Germany
8002	Waste/scrap of tin			
8101	Tungsten and goods thereof, also waste/scrap	122.30	W: tungsten: metal, raw	TMR study Germany
8102	Molybdenum and goods thereof, also waste/scrap	665.10	Mo: molybdenum: metal	TMR study Germany
8103	Tantalum and goods thereof, also waste/scrap			TMR study Germany
8104	Magnesium and goods thereof, also waste/scrap			TMR study Germany
8105	Cobalt and goods thereof, also waste/scrap			TMR study Germany
8106	Bismuth and goods thereof, also waste/scrap			TMR study Germany
8107	Cadmium and goods thereof, also waste/scrap			TMR study Germany
8108	Titanium and goods thereof, also waste/scrap	232	Ti: titanium: metal, raw	TMR study Germany
8109	Zirconium and goods thereof, also waste/scrap			TMR study Germany
8110	Antimony and goods thereof, also waste/scrap	12.6	Sb: antimony: metal	TMR study Germany
8111	Manganese and goods thereof, also waste/scrap	7.3	Mn: manganese: metal	TMR study Germany
8112	Beryllium, chromium, germanium, vanadium etc. and goods thereof, also waste/scrap			
8113	Cermets and goods thereof, also waste/scrap			

* Hidden flows in tonnes abiotic materials per tonne commodity.

3.14. Minerals, semi-manufactured products

Data to account for imported mineral as semi-manufactured products are presented in file 14 'Imports/minerals/semi'. The individual commodities along with their classification numbers are listed in Table 15, as well as the hidden flow coefficients used for corresponding materials, and the respective sources of data. The source called 'MAIA database' refers to the database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change (<http://www.wupperinst.org/Projekte/mipsonline/download> — document: MI-Werte.pdf). The source 'TMR study Germany' refers to the internal database of the Wuppertal Institute, Department of Material Flows and Structural Change. The accounting of hidden flows is done within the workbook 'Summary imports', in the worksheet/table 'Minerals semi'.

Table 15: Commodities and hidden flows of imported minerals as semi-manufactured products

Classification	Commodity	HF coefficients *	Materials	Source
2522	Lime	1.55	Lime, fired	MAIA database
2523	Cement	1.42	Cement, portland	MAIA database
3103	Phosphate fertilisers	5.17	Phosphate fertilisers	TMR study Germany
3104	Potassium fertilisers	7.5	Potassium fertilisers	TMR study Germany
3816	Cement etc., fire-proof	1.42	Cement, portland	MAIA database
7001	Broken glass etc., glass mass	1.33	Raw glass	MAIA database
7002	Glass in spheres etc., unmanufactured	1.33	Raw glass	MAIA database

* Hidden flows in tonnes abiotic materials per tonne of commodity.

3.15. Metals, finished products

Data to account for imported metals as finished products are presented in file 015 'Imports/metals/finished'. The individual commodities along with their classification numbers are listed in Table 16.

No hidden flows are accounted for finished products in this study, mainly because of missing data. This is also in line with previous TMR studies of industrial economies (Adriaanse et al., 1997).

Table 16: Commodities of imported metals as finished products

Classification	Waren	Commodities
7107	Silberplattierungen etc.	Silver plated ware etc.
7109	Goldplattierungen etc.	Gold plated ware etc.
7111	Platinplattierungen etc.	Platinum plated ware etc.
7113	Schmuck aus Edelmetallen etc.	Jewellery of precious metals etc.
7114	Gold- und Silberschmiedewaren	Gold- and silver-smith goods
7115	Waren aus Edelmetallen	Goods of precious metals
7117	Phantasieschmuck	Fantasy jewellery
7118	Münzen etc.	Coins etc.
73	Waren aus Eisen oder Stahl	Iron or steel ware
7407to7419	Kupfer Fertigwaren	Copper finished goods
7505to7508	Nickel Fertigwaren	Nickel finished goods
7604to7616	Aluminium Fertigwaren	Aluminium finished goods
7803to7806	Blei Fertigwaren	Lead finished goods
7904to7907	Zink Fertigwaren	Zinc finished goods
8003to8007	Zinn Fertigwaren	Tin finished goods
8101to8113Rest	Andere unedle Metalle und Cermets Fertigwaren	Other non-precious metals and cermets finished goods
82	Werkzeuge etc. aus unedlen Metallen	Tools etc. of non-precious metals
83	Verschiedene Waren aus unedlen Metallen	Different ware of non-precious metals
84	Kernreaktoren etc.	Nuclear reactors etc.
85	Elektrische Maschinen etc.	Electrical machines etc.
86	Schienefahrzeuge etc.	Rail vehicles etc.
87	Kraftwagen etc.	Automobiles etc.
88	Luftfahrzeuge etc.	Aeroplanes etc.
89	Wasserfahrzeuge etc.	Water vehicles etc.

3.16. Minerals, finished products

Data to account for imported minerals as finished products are presented in file 16 'Imports/minerals/finished'. The individual commodities along with their classification numbers are listed in Table 17.

No hidden flows for finished products are accounted in this study, mainly because of missing data. This is also in line with previous TMR studies of industrial economies (Adriaanse et al., 1997).

Table 17: Commodities of imported minerals as finished products

Classification	Waren	Commodities
7003to7010	Glaswaren	Glass ware
7101	Perlen, echt oder Zuchtperlen	Pearls, real or cultivated
710229	Diamanten, bearbeitet	Diamonds, manufactures
710239	Diamanten, bearbeitet	Diamonds, manufactures
710391	Rubine etc., bearbeitet	Rubies, etc., manufactured
710399	Andere Edelsteine, bearbeitet	Other precious stones, manufactured
7116	Waren aus Perlen, Edelsteinen etc.	Goods of pearls, precious stones, etc.
68	Waren aus Steinen etc.	Goods of stones etc.
69	Keramische Waren	Ceramic goods

3.17. Abiotic products

Some categories which could not be clearly identified as fossils, minerals or metals were named abiotic products. They are presented in file 17 'Imports/abiotic products'. The individual commodities along with their classification numbers are listed in Table 18. Commodity 2201 is a nutritional good, some commodities of group 28 are semi-manufactured products, all other commodities in Table 18 are finished products.

No hidden flows for abiotic products are accounted in this study, mainly because of missing data.

Table 18: Commodities of abiotic products

Classification	Waren	Commodities
28	Anorganische Chemikalien	Inorganic chemicals
36	Pulver und Sprengstoffe etc.	Powder, explosives etc.
2201	Wasser mit/ohne Kohlensäure	Water with/without gas
4304	Pelzwerk, künstlich und Waren daraus	Peltry, artificial and ware thereof
710490	Synthetische Steine etc.	Synthetic stones etc.

3.18. Other products

Categories not elsewhere classified were labelled 'other products'. They are presented in file 18 'Imports/other products'. The individual commodities along with their classification numbers are listed in Table 19. Among other products, the following ones are classified as raw materials: 400280, 4004, 5503, 5504, 5505, 5506, 5507, 560130, 6703. Commodities 2202 and parts of commodity 35 are nutritional goods, the others are semi-manufactured products or finished products.

No hidden flows are accounted for other products in this study, mainly because of missing data.

Table 19: Commodities of other products

Classification	Waren	Commodities
2202	Wasser mit Zucker/Aroma, nichtalkoholische	Water including sugar/flavour, soft-drinks
29	Organische Chemikalien	Organic chemicals
30	Pharmazeutische Erzeugnisse	Pharmaceutics
3102	Stickstoffdünger	Nitrogen fertilisers
3105	NPK-Dünger u.a. Dünger	NPK fertilisers and other fertilisers
31Rest	Andere Düngemittel	Other fertilisers
32	Gerb- und Farbstoffauszüge etc.	Tannin- and pigment-extracts, etc.
33	Etherische Öle etc.	Ether oils etc.
34	Seifen etc.	Soaps etc.
35	Eiweissstoffe etc.	Proteins etc.
37	Photographische Erz. etc.	Photographic goods etc.
38Rest	Verschiedene chemische Erzeugnisse	Different products of chemical industry
39	Kunststoffe und Kunststoffwaren	Plastics and plastic products
4002to4017	Kautschuk und Waren daraus	Caoutchouc and products thereof
42	Lederwaren etc.	Leather ware etc.
54	Synthetische oder künstliche Filamente	Synthetic or artificial filaments
55	Synthetische oder künstliche Spinnfasern	Synthetic or artificial spinning fibres
56	Watte, Filze etc.	Wadding, felt, etc.
57	Teppiche etc.	Carpets etc.
58	Spezialgewebe etc.	Special tissues etc.
59	Getränkte etc. Gewebe	Processed tissues etc.
60	Gewirke und Gestricke	Woven and knitted goods
61	Bekleidung aus Gewirken und Gestricken	Clothing of woven and knitted goods
62	Bekleidung ausser aus Gewirken und	Clothing except of woven and knitted
63	Andere konfektionierte Spinnstoffwaren etc.	Other ready-made clothes etc.
64	Schuhe etc.	Shoes etc.
65	Kopfbedeckungen etc	Hats etc.
66	Regenschirme etc.	Umbrellas etc.
67	Federn und Daunen etc.	Feathers and downs, etc.
90	Optische Instrumente etc.	Optical instruments etc.
91	Uhren	Clocks
92	Musikinstrumente	Music instruments
93	Waffen und Munition	Weapons and ammunition
94	Möbel etc.	Furniture etc.
95	Spielzeug etc.	Toys etc.
96	Verschiedene Waren	Different ware
97	Kunstgegenstände etc.	Art etc.
98	Fabrikationsanlagen in der Ausfuhr	Fabrication plants for export
99	Zusammenstellung verschiedener Waren	Assembly of different ware

3.19. Summary of imports

Data for imported commodities and their hidden flows, along with some other information, are presented in file 'Summary' in the workbook 'Summary/imports'. This workbook is subdivided into worksheets:

- Overview;
- Summary;
- Agriculture/raw;
- Forestry/raw;
- Animals/raw and products;
- Agriculture/plant products;
- Agriculture/animal products;
- Forestry/semi;
- Forestry/finished;

- Biotic/products;
- Fossils/raw;
- Metals/raw;
- Minerals/raw;
- Fossils/semi;
- Metals/semi;
- Minerals/semi;
- Metals/finished;
- Minerals/finished;
- Abiotic products;
- Other products;
- Coefficients;
- Luxury goods.

The first worksheet contains data of EU imports from 1988 to 1997 in tonnes, subdivided into individual chapters 1 to 99 of the foreign trade classification system. Each of these chapters indicates in which worksheets (3 to 20) the commodities are classified. Furthermore, the sum of individual commodities in worksheets 3 to 20 belonging to one chapter is compared with the total sum of imports of this chapter to ensure consistency of the basic data.

The second worksheet combines the sum values of worksheets 2 to 20 in terms of used and unused material flows. These summary tables are transferred by automatic link to the workbook 'TMR data summary'. In the 'Summary' worksheet, further aggregations of the 18 commodity classes of imports are made with respect to:

- energy imported;
- metals imported;
- minerals imported;
- biomass imported;
- erosion;
- other imports.

Minerals are further differentiated by:

- raw materials: construction minerals;
- raw materials: industrial minerals;
- semi-manufactured products: construction minerals;
- semi-manufactured products: industrial minerals;
- finished products: construction minerals;
- finished products: industrial minerals.

Another aggregation classifies imports by:

- raw materials;
- semi manufactures;
- finished products;
- products (other).

And yet another aggregation classifies imports by:

- biotic;
- abiotic;
- undefined.

Finally, another aggregation classifies imports by:

- used;
- unused.

Also in worksheet ‘Summary’, all the import data described before, which were in absolute quantities, i.e. tonnes, are expressed in tonnes per capita.

Worksheets 3 to 20 in workbook ‘Summary imports’ contain the data of used and unused material flows as described before in chapters 3.1. to 3.18. Where country-specific databases are available to account for hidden flows, the cells containing the classification numbers of the respective commodities are marked in green (in column A). Worksheets 3 to 20 further contain tables of total material inputs (used plus unused material flows) and tables with the ratios of unused to used inputs. Furthermore, worksheets 3 to 20 contain the reference classification numbers according to the EGW classification distinguishing the following four major groups (see also description at the beginning of chapter 3):

- nutrition industry;
- commercial industry: raw materials;
- commercial industry: semi-manufactured products;
- commercial industry: finished products (with further breakdown into pre-manufactured and final products).

Some specific features of worksheets 3 to 20 are:

Worksheet 3 ‘Agriculture/raw’ also presents data of land use for imported commodities in 1 000 hectares, and the specific land use in m² per kg.

Worksheet 6 ‘Agriculture/plant products’ contains an extra aggregation of foodstuffs.

Worksheet 7 ‘Agriculture/animal products’ contains an extra aggregation of foodstuffs.

Worksheet 12 ‘Metals/raw’ shows some comparisons with global data in terms of (further comparisons are performed in worksheet 22 ‘Luxury goods’):

- Gold content of extracted ores, among which EU-15:
 - EU-15 extraction % of global;
 - EU-15 import % of global.
- Global reserves of gold in central banks, among which EU-15:
 - EU-15 reserves % of global.
- Silver content of extracted ores, among which EU-15:
 - EU-15 extraction % of global;
 - EU-15 Import % of global.

Worksheet 13, ‘Minerals/raw’, contains a subdivision of construction minerals and industrial minerals.

Worksheet 16, ‘Minerals/semi’, contains a subdivision of construction minerals and industrial minerals.

Worksheet 18, 'Minerals/finished', contains a subdivision of construction minerals and industrial minerals.

Worksheet 19, 'Abiotic products', contains an extra aggregation of chemicals.

Worksheet 20, 'Other products', contains an extra aggregation of chemicals.

Worksheet 21, 'Coefficients', combines all the hidden flow coefficients of worksheets 3 to 20 in one table.

Worksheet 22, 'Luxury goods', combines data of used and unused material flows as well as import values (in 1 000 ECU) of the commodities:

- 261610: silver ores;
- 261690: precious metal ores;
- silver;
- gold;
- platinum;
- precious metals waste/scrap;
- silver plated ware etc.;
- gold plated ware etc.;
- platinum plated ware etc.;
- jewellery of precious metals etc.;
- gold- and silver-smith goods;
- goods of precious metals;
- fantasy jewellery;
- coins etc.;
- diamonds, raw;
- 710310: precious stones, raw;
- dust/powder of diamonds/precious stones;
- pearls, real or cultivated;
- 710229: diamonds, manufactures;
- 710239: diamonds, manufactures;
- 710391: rubies etc., manufactured;
- 710399: other precious stones, manufactured;
- goods of pearls, precious stones, etc.

Luxury goods are further listed by import prices (ecu per kg) in comparison with:

- gold, 1000/1000, ingots, London;
- silver, 999/1000, ingots, New York;
- iron ore, ca. 64.5 % Fe, Brazil, cif Europe;
- aluminium, min. 99.7 % al, ingots, storehouse, London;
- tin, MB free market, min. 99.85 % Sn, London;
- 261690: (7 tonnes) from Finland to EU(UK);
- 261690: imports to Germany: total;
- 261690: imports to Germany: from Sweden;
- 261690: imports to Germany: from South Africa;
- 261690: imports to Germany: from other unspecified.

Average 1989 prices for PGM and by-products in South Africa (BOM, 1993, p. 23):

Co-products:

- platinum;
- palladium;
- rhodium;
- gold.

By-products:

- cobalt;
- copper;
- iridium;
- nickel;
- osmium;
- ruthenium.

Imports of luxury goods by EU-15 are further set in relation to global production or supply of:

- gold content of extracted ores (excluding EU-15);
- silver content of extracted ores (excluding EU-15);
- world supply of platinum (excluding recycling);
- world supply of palladium (excluding recycling);
- world supply of rhodium (excluding recycling);
- world supply of other PGM;
- world supply of total PGM (excluding recycling).

4. General data

General data usually set in relation to material flows (Adriaanse et al., 1997) are the population size (capita) and the gross domestic product of economies (GDP). These data for the EU are organised under the file 'General' in the worksheets:

- GDP 1985–97;
- Population 1985–98.

GDP data were taken from Eurostat statistics and expressed in 1985 constant prices. Data from 1993 to 1997 are also given in current prices. Data for 1995 are also given in purchasing power parity (PPP) units as well as the breakdown by EU Member States for conversion of PPP to ecu and USD.

Population data were taken from Eurostat statistics.

5. TMR data summary

As already mentioned many times, at the points where automatic links of intermediate results are installed, workbook 'TMR data summary' under the file 'Summary' combines data from the accounting of domestic and foreign flows, and general data, for the calculation, analysis and comparison of TMR of EU-15 with other countries. The workbook 'TMR data summary' is subdivided into the following worksheets:

- Domestic/materials/EU-15;
- Domestic/materials/EU-12;
- Domestic/countries;
- Imports/materials;
- DMI/EU-15;
- TMR/EU-12, 1988–94; EU-15, 1995–97;
- TMR/EU-15, 95;
- Comparison/FIN, PL, D;
- Agricultural land use.

Worksheet 'Domestic/materials/EU-15' takes up the intermediate results for domestic material inputs in EU-15 from 1985 to 1997, divided by used and unused, and aggregates them in the following categories:

- energy domestic;
- ores domestic;
- minerals domestic;
- excavation domestic;
- agricultural harvest by statistics;
- agricultural harvest of additional biomass;
- fodder plants, additional;
- erosion;
- roundwood;
- fish catch;
- hunting.

Worksheet 'Domestic/materials/EU-12' does the same for domestic material inputs in EU-12 from 1985 to 1994.

Worksheet 'Domestic/countries' presents the intermediate results for domestic material flows from 1985 to 1997, with the material categories listed above, and disaggregated into the 15 individual Member States of the EU. This worksheet also includes the general data for population and GDP.

Worksheet 'Imports/materials' takes up the intermediate results for imported material flows from 1988 to 1997 from the worksheet 'Summary' of the workbook 'Summary imports' (see also 3.19.).

Worksheet 'DMI/EU15' presents the totals of used domestic extractions by EU Member States from 1985 to 1997 (from worksheet 'Domestic/countries'), and the total of used imported material flows by Member States from 1988 to 1997. Domestic used materials and imports sum up to DMI which is also expressed per capita and per unit GDP.

Worksheet 'TMR/EU-12, 1988-94; EU-15, 1995–97' summarises the material flow results described above with the following aggregates:

- Domestic DMI;
- Domestic HF;
- Foreign DMI;
- Foreign HF;
- DMI;
- HF;
- TMI (DMI plus Domestic HF);
- TMR domestic;
- TMR foreign;
- TMR.

TMR is further disaggregated by the material groups:

- fossil fuels;
- metals;
- minerals;
- excavation;
- biomass;
- erosion;
- other (imports).

Worksheet 'EU-15, 1995' contains a comparison of these TMR material groups on the per capita level of the EU with data from Finland (1995), Germany (1995), Japan (1994), Netherlands (1993), Poland (1995) and the United States (1994). Other comparisons with these countries are made for TMR in relation to their GDPs.

A more detailed comparison of EU-15 data with data for Finland, Poland and Germany is made in the worksheet 'Comparison/FIN, PL, D'.

Worksheet 'Agricultural land use' combines data of agricultural land use (in 1 000 hectares and in ha per capita) for domestic land (arable land, permanent crops and permanent pastures which sum up to total domestic agricultural land), and for land use due to imported agricultural raw materials.

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