Iridium

Metals

A very dense, corrosion-resistant platinum-group metal recovered with platinum from the same ores; ruthenium, a related platinum-group metal, travels under the same customs line, and the two are used in electronics, electrochemistry and spark plugs and other long-wearing contacts.

Key facts

Top exporter, unwrought iridium, osmium and ruthenium and their powders (HS 711041), 2024

South Africa, 48% of export value

HS code

711041 Iridium, osmium and ruthenium, unwrought or in powder form

Also called

Ir, ruthenium, osmium, iridium and ruthenium

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
South Africa	1.1 billion USD	48%
Germany	397.8 million USD	17%
United Kingdom	226.1 million USD	9.9%
Belgium	147.6 million USD	6.5%
United States	123.8 million USD	5.4%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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