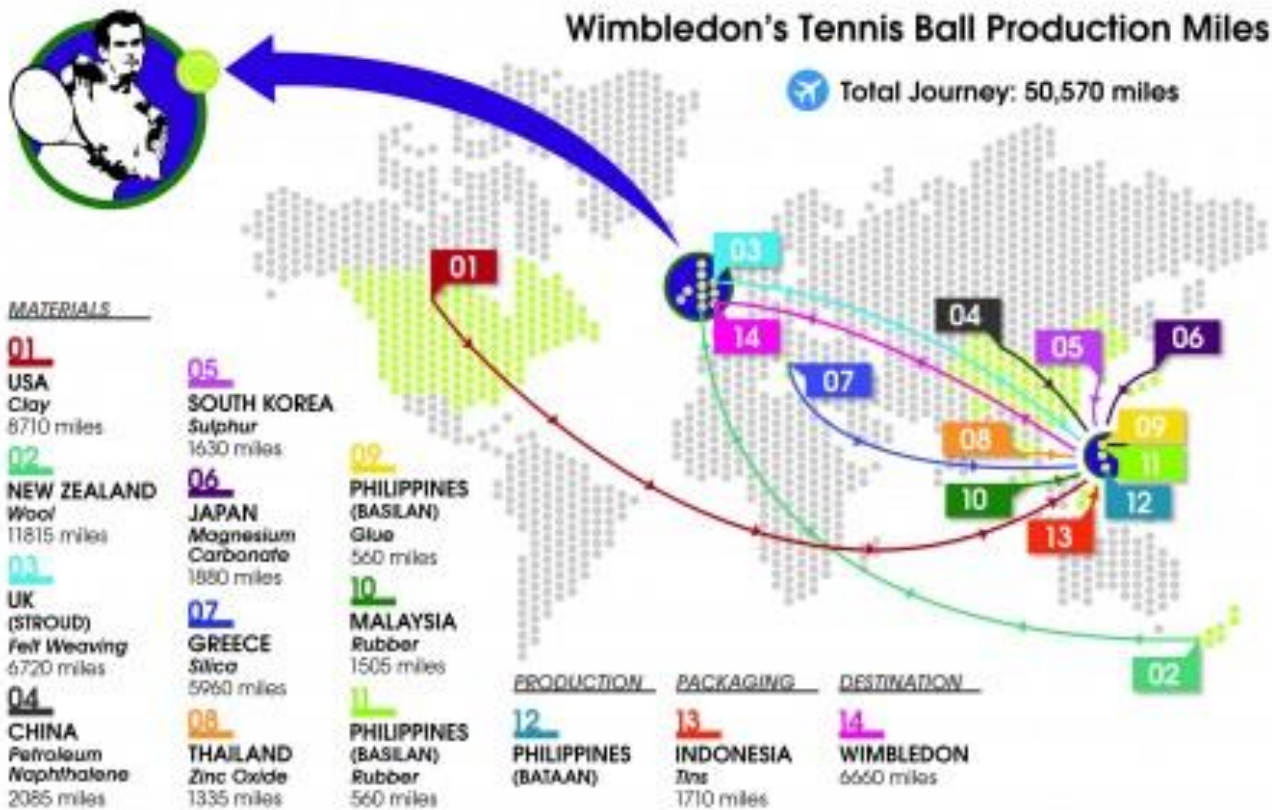




Supply Chain Challenge ~ A Wimbledon Tennis Ball



The tennis balls used at Wimbledon will have travelled **50,570 miles** around the world via **11 countries** before they land on players' racquets on Centre Court. The official Wimbledon ball flies between **11 countries** and **across four continents** before being manufactured in **Bataan in the Philippines** and then travelling the final **6,660 miles** to Wimbledon.

A complex supply chain sees clay shipped from **South Carolina in the USA**, silica from **Greece**, magnesium carbonate from **Japan**, zinc oxide from **Thailand**, sulphur from **South Korea** and rubber from both **Malaysia** and **Basilan in the Philippines** to **Bataan** where the rubber is vulcanized – a chemical process for making the rubber more durable. Wool is then shipped from **New Zealand to Stroud in Gloucestershire**, where it is weaved into felt and then flown back to **Bataan**. WBS Petroleum naphthalene from **Zibo in China** and glue from **Basilan in the Philippines** are brought to **Bataan** where Slazenger, which was bought by Sports Direct in 2004, manufacture the ball.

Finally tins are shipped in from **Indonesia** and once the balls have been packaged they are sent to **Wimbledon**.