ANALYSES OF ROMAN POTTERY AND LAMPS FROM AQUINCUM AND INTERCISA

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Roman *Firmalampen* from Aquincum and Intercisa have been analysed by WD-XRF to distinguish imports and local products. The series included 33 lamps and 48 samples of moulds and various pottery. Reference groups are available for the lamp making centres in Modena, Poetovio and Carnuntum from where could be imports in Aquincum. For a reference group of pottery made in Aquincum several moulds for Firmalampen were sampled as well as pottery finds from kiln sites, including two pottery wasters and a clay sample. In Intercisa 17 Firmalampen and 3 moulds and 2 bricks were analysed. The interpretation of the data yielded surprising results: one mould for Firmalampen turned out not to be local and two moulds for terra sigillata did not belong to the local pottery group but were similar to some of the analysed Firmalampen both from Aquincum and from Intercisa. On the other hand, only few lamps in Intercisa were attributed to the Aquincum group, the greater part of them, including all lamps stamped by VICTOR, forms a probable local group. The previous macroscopic attributions in many cases turned out to be wrong, also when they were based on stamped names.