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# COMMERCIAL TIES OF CILICIA BY MEANS OF HELLENISTIC AND ROMAN AMPHORAE

(LEV. 17-19)

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#### ÖZET

Kilikia Bölgesi, Hellenistik ve Roma Dönemlerinde, Doğu Akdeniz'de ticari amphora üreten önemli merkezlerden biridir. İ.Ö. IV. yüzyılda başlayan ve İ.S. VI. yüzyılın sonuna kadar devam eden yoğun şarap ve zeytinyağı üretimi bölgenin ekonomisinde önemli yer tutmaktadır. Kilikia Bölgesi'nde gerçekleştirilen yüzey araştırmaları ve kazılarda yerleri saptanan atölyelerde üretilen amphoralar Akdeniz'in bir çok merkezine ulaşmıştır. Bu amphoraların, ekonomik tarihin yazılmasında önemli maddi kanıtlar olarak kullanıldığı düşünüldüğünde, tipolojik çalışmalarla tanınmalarının ve tarihleyici özelliklerinin önem kazandığı görülmektedir. Bu çalışmada Kilikia Bölgesi'nde üretildiğini düşündüğümüz ve "Nagidos grubu" olarak adlandırdığımız yeni bir mühürlü amphora grubu tanıtılmaktadır. İ.Ö. III. yüzyıla terihlenen bu mühürlü amphora grubunun yanında Pamphylia amphoraları olarak tanımlanan ve Kilikia'da da üretilen amphoralarla Kilikia Bölgesi'nin önemli ihraç ürünü olan reçineli şarapın taşındığı Agora G199 amphoraları ayrıca Pompei V, Agora M 54, Zemer 40 ve LR 1 amphoraları incelenmektedir.

#### **Cilician Commerce and Trade Relations**

Although the earlier period of Cilician exports is still uncertain except the commerce of grain to Cyprus which was rather important during the Classical Period<sup>1</sup>, the archaeological evidence, such as coins but mainly amphorae points out an agricultural production of this region. This issue will be the focus of argument in this paper.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Heichelheim 1964, p. 49.

Cilicia was known as a production center of wine, sesame, linen, fish and fish sauces, almond, fruits and vegetables, especially pumpkin, from the early Hellenistic to Byzantine Periods<sup>2</sup>. We should point out that the forest resource of the region was very attractive for having raw material in need of the fleets of Eastern Mediterranean centers, especially Egypt<sup>3</sup>. However, Rauh has proposed that the production of olive oil and the viticulture of Cilicia increased because of lessening the trees for timber trade<sup>4</sup>, the amphora symbols on the coins of the region proved that production of wine and olive oil must have been important, even in the Classical Period as in the Roman Era. The viticulture and the commerce of timber and forest crops still continued syncronically in the Roman Period, as known by the written sources<sup>5</sup>. Moreover, the Cilician amphora producers took into consideration the need of energy for firing the kilns so that the mass production of Cilicia from the fourth to the seventh centuries could have been flourished. Another acceptable evidence of the production of wine in Cilician Region is the remarks of ancient authors who mentioned that some special vines were brought to Egypt in order to reach a good quality of wine as they did the same for Chian, Thasian, Mendean and Maroneian vines<sup>6</sup>.

## The Amphorae Produced in Cilicia

The notable evidence comes from the site of Nagidos which has been recently excavated by Mersin University. The coins of Nagidos dated to the fourth century BC bear a different type of amphora and this can be considered as the earliest evidence which may show the amphora production of the site (Fig. 1). This amphora type seen on the coins is globular and pear shaped with a long pointed foot resembling to Mendean amphorae produced in the fifth and fourth centuries BC (Fig. 2). In fact,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For sesame, see Columella XI, 2, 56; for linen in Tarsus, see Dion de Pruse XXXIV, 21; Heichelheim 1970, p. 52; Johnson 1949, p. 107-151.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Jones 1937, p. 199; Strabon XIV, 6, 5; Plinius NH, XVI, 203.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rauh-Slane 2000, p. 329.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The south eastern corner of Asia Minor was rather important resin source of Egypt. The resin using as an isolation substance was provided from Anemurion as mentioned on some papyrus dating to the third-fourth centuries AD. Kruit-Worp 2000, p. 98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Lewis 1988, p. 140; Schnebel 1925, p. 252; Rostovtzeff 1941, p. 975; Plinius, NH XIV, 74-75

among the amphora finds imported to Nagidos we have already noticed a good deal of Mendean amphorae fragments. Due to the commerce between two centers, it is natural to imitate the Mendean amphorae which were well reputed in the Mediterranean markets.

The amphora stamps are also considered to be important evidence to demonstrate the amphora production in the region. Till today, the studies on stamped amphora handles have demonstrated that some special groups among all those attributed to the known amphora producer centers are easily distinguished with regard to the characteristic of their clays, the form of handles and inscriptions they bear. These groups dated to Hellenistic Period are named mostly by V. Grace according to the names appearing on the stamps, as Parmeniskos, Nikandros, Petos and Pistos Groups. The latest group, called "Pistos Group" is known with a bunch of grape in the middle and some letters around reading P...stou (Fig. 3). Its reddish clay is micaceus and calcerous with some inclusion of grits. Depending on the characteristic of clay, Grace has pointed out its resemblance to Thasian fabric and dated them to the third century BC7. Stamps of this group have mostly been recorded in the Eastern Mediterranean centers such as Alexandria (Egypt)<sup>8</sup>, Salamis (Cyprus)<sup>9</sup>, Tarsus<sup>10</sup> and Nagidos<sup>11</sup> (Cilicia-Anatolia) and Ras el Bassit<sup>12</sup> (Syrie), with the exception of three samples from Thasos<sup>13</sup> and Troia<sup>14</sup> in Northern Aegean Sea and Satu Nou in Black Sea<sup>15</sup>. Regarding to these finds, we have identified mainly five groups based on the style of the grape symbol and the inscription they bear<sup>16</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Grace 1950, p. 146, nos. 85-87.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Şenol 2000, p. 375, no. 181 and p. 380, no. 189; Breccia 1907, p. 81, no. 137. Several stamps are held in the Benaki Collection in the Greco-Roman Museum in Alexandria (M/ABC 477, 508-511; P11076, 11090 and 11102, unpublished).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Calvet 1972, p. 67, no. 143 and p. 68, no. 144; Calvet 1978, p. 230, no. 70, pl. LVI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Grace 1950, p. 146, nos. 85-87, fig. 118.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> These are very recent finds (Inv. nos. NAG. 2000/241, 246, 394 and NAG. 2001/518).

Empereur-Hesnard 1987, p. 58, no. 5, pl. 2 (this group was first presented in this article) and some other unpublished stamps belonging to this group from the mentioned site (Personal communication with J.-Y. Empereur).

<sup>13</sup> Unpublished. Personal communication with J.-Y. Empereur.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Panas-Pontes 1998, p. 250-251, no. 94, fig. 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Conovici-Irimia 1991, p. 168, no. 335, fig. 16.

<sup>16</sup> These groups will be discussed in detail in an article in the publication of the Nagidos excavations.

During the excavations at Nagidos in 2000 and 2001<sup>17</sup>, besides four stamps of Pistos Group, we realised that a certain group of stamps, although very resembling to Pistos Group, began to be notable both in style and quantity<sup>18</sup> with five samples all of which seem to be from the same die<sup>19</sup>. The only published identical stamp was attested in Cyprus and dated to the end of the third century BC with regard to a Rhodian stamp naming the fabricant Aristion<sup>20</sup>. Another identical unpublished stamp, now held in the Greco-Roman Museum in Alexandria, was found during the excavations in the site of the new Library of Alexandria<sup>21</sup>. All these stamps bear a large *nu* above, a pomegranate symbol<sup>22</sup> in the middle with a short twisted stalk below and *alpha* or *delta* on the upper right of the symbol<sup>23</sup>.

On the stamps, we think that the letters nu and alpha or delta are used refering to the abbreviated form of the ethnic of Nagidos (NA for NAΓΙΔΕΩN or NAΓΙΔΙΚΟΝ) as seen on the coins<sup>24</sup>, and the pomegranate symbol to the goddess adored here<sup>25</sup>. When combining all these clues, it seems possible that the production place of this group, now we are in a position to call it as "Nagidos Group", is most probably in the territory of Nagidos, although we have not discovered the workshops yet (Fig.4). The reddish clay<sup>26</sup> of the group is micaceus and calcerous, just as of the Pistos

<sup>17</sup> I would like to thank Prof. Dr. Serra Durugönül for her kind permission to study on the stamps from this group found in the excavations at Nagidos.

<sup>18</sup> It is known from published samples that in no other centers, stamps belonging to these groups have been recorded in that quantity more than at Nagidos.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> NAG. 2000/130, 214 and NAG. 2001/451, 457, 471.

<sup>20</sup> Calvet 1972, p. 68, no. 145, fig. 157 (here the fabricant has been given to Period II (c. 240-210) of Rhodian stamp chronology. But the presence of his stamps in the Pergamon deposit, he is dated to Period III, c. 210-175 BC).

<sup>21</sup> I had an opportunity in 2001 to study on the stamps coming from this site, called Bibliotheca Alexandrina. This stamped handle was numbered as BA 311.

<sup>22</sup> Note a stamp from Nagidos having the same symbol in a circular frame without any inscription or monogram (NAG. 2000/201).

On one sample from Nagidos, above the letter nu, a small dot is seen probably representing the letter omicron, or it is only the rest of a small piece of clay which misleads us to interpret it as the letter nu. Since on other stamps this is not clear.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Durugönül 2001, p. 431.

<sup>25</sup> The goddess Aphrodite is known to be worshipped at Nagidos and one of her attributes is a pomegranate.

<sup>26</sup> HUE 2.5 YR 5/8 red.

Group. We know from other material of Nagidos that besides buff-coloured clay, reddish clay is also available in the region. The resemblance of the clay and the profiles of lips and handles of both groups draws our attention to suggest that the production center of Pistos Group is most probably in the same area and they both were produced in the same period. The contexts at Nagidos have provided ceramic material datable to the third century BC.

In the middle of the Hellenistic Period, the pirates encouraged by the serrated coasts of the region, started to run wild by using the gap of the authority in the east of the Mediterranean Sea<sup>27</sup>. The alliance pacts were signed between the rival cities in order to continue their commercial activities without problems, until the achievements of Pompei<sup>28</sup>. Unfortunately the crisis created by pirates effected the economy of the region after the second half of the second century BC<sup>29</sup>.

The interest in Cilician products existed even in a century before the corruption of the commerce, according to the records in the archives of Zenon. The export of wine and honey from Korakesion to Egypt was documented in the records of Apollonios<sup>30</sup>. The interest towards Cilician wine consequently increased in the period of quarrel between the chiefs of trade such as Rhodes, Cnidos and Cos. The containers used for commercial goods of Cilicia in the third century BC is not known, however, a new type –called Pamphylian amphorae– appeared just after this period, mainly in the East Mediteranean markets (Fig.5)<sup>31</sup>. Although the production center has not been located in Pampylia until now, the waste products of similar amphorae have been discovered in the deposits of Syedra workshops

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Berthold 1984, p. 227.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Hassall-Crawford-Reynolds 1974, p. 195-220; Sherwin-White 1976, p. 1-14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Heichelheim 1970, p. 49.

<sup>30</sup> Orrieux 1984, p. 84; Among the texts refers the name of Korakesion only the Michigan text mentions wine. Kruit-Worp 2000, p. 81-2; P. Michigan Zenon. 1 (22)

These amphorae are called Pamphylian because of the existence of Pamphylian names on the stamps of their handles. Grace has published some complete Pamphylian amphorae and stamps from Delos, Athens and Alexandria with later examples dated from the first to the third centuries AD. Grace 1973, p. 180-208; for the Pamphylian amphora stamps, See, Brixhe 1976, p. 295-300; Grace-Petropoulakou 1970, p. 284; Slane 1986, p. 282; Calvet 1993, p. 74-75, nos. 110-1; Sztetyllo 1976, p. 9-109; Prof. Brixhe is prepearing the publication of the corpus of Pamphylian amphora stamps.

during the surveys<sup>32</sup> which may be related to the commercial activity of Western Rough Cilicia.

The local administrators of Cilicia effected by the general view of the period, realized that the agricultural potential was not enough to provide the alimentation of the public<sup>33</sup>, so the commerce became vital importance of Cilicia for the economies of coastal cities<sup>34</sup>. The roads between the coastal cities and their hinterlands were constructed, in order to supply the goods to the ports, so the sea trade of Cilicia started to boom prooved by the existence of Agora M 54, G 199 and Pompei V amphorae throughout the Mediterranean centers in the beginning of the first century AD. The increasing performance of the Cilician merchants enabled them to export their goods beyond the Red Sea by using the transit trade of Alexandria and desert roads. The evidence of Alexandrian transit trade of Cilicia can be seen in Mons Claudianus which was located on the road of the Red Sea ports of Egypt. Among the finds in the surveys, Cilician M 54, Zemer 41 and certainly LR 1 amphorae have been identified<sup>35</sup>.

Agora G 199 amphorae or so called pinched-handle amphorae (Benghazi MRA4; Zemer 41; Williams Type A; Mau XXVII/XXVIII) were the most common local mass production of Cilicia between the first and the fourth centuries AD, by the evidence of discovering 5 different fabrics during the archaeological surveys (Fig.6)<sup>36</sup>. Another similar type of this distinctive form with pinched handles and solid knobbed spikes with mushroom type attachments, with regard to the clay compositions, were produced in Paphos<sup>37</sup>. These amphorae were divided into two different clay groups. While Cilician fabric is light pinkish (7.5 YR 6/6 reddish yellow), micaceous and well fired, the amphorae produced in Cyprus has buff-creamish-yellowish colour (10 YR 8/6 yellow) and is non-micaceous fabric. These bulky amphorae with a capacity of c.50 lt., are considered as the evidence of wine trade of both regions<sup>38</sup>. However, they have some

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Rauh-Slane 2000, p. 322, fig. 8. 8-12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Hopwood 1991, p. 305.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Plinius NH II, 127; Tacitus, Hist II, 98; Lucianus, hars, VII, 259.

<sup>35</sup> Tomber 1996, p. 43-44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Rauh 1999, p. 341: Rauh-Slane 2000, p. 328.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Hayes 1977, p. 100.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Zemer 1977, p. 52.

smaller versions as we are used to observing for most of the amphora forms –fractional or not–, some miniature models of this form with the capacity of 1.5 - 2 lt. are discovered as Spatheian amphorae<sup>39</sup>.

The earliest examples of pinched handle amphorae have been dated to the third quarter of the first century AD in Pompei. Although in the excavations of the centers around Mediterranean, these amphorae have been found in number of contexts dated from the second half of the first to the fourth centuries AD, an absolute form development has not been constituted till today<sup>40</sup>. These amphorae are known as well distributed forms especially to the Eastern Mediterranean consumption centers as Berenice, Alexandria, Athens, Corinth, Benghazi, even to Palestine, Sinai and naturally their native lands, Cyprus<sup>41</sup> and Cilicia<sup>42</sup>. Among these two production centers, Cypriot Agora G 199 amphorae have been used for exportation more intensively than the Cilician products<sup>43</sup> which were used for inner commerce, according to the clay observations.

After the elimination of the troubles caused by pirates, the commercial activity of the region started to increase and consequently, the new types of amphorae appeared such as Pompei Type V (Fig 7) and Agora M

<sup>39</sup> Small versions of pinched handle amphorae are held in the Bodrum Underwater Museum. AlpözeBerkaya-Özdas 1995, p. 75, Inv. no. 9.1.95; Another miniature model of Zemer 41 amphora has a capacity of 1.59 lt. and is held in Içel Museum. Şenol-Kerem 2000, p. 96, no. 20 (Inv. no. 94.17.25).

<sup>40</sup> In Athenian Agora, see Robinson 1959, p. 43, G199, L11, M239; in Kerameikos, see Böttger 1992, p. 340, taf. 99.6, kat. no. 65; in Marina el Alamein, see Daszewski-Majcherek-Sztetyllo 1990, p. 49, fig. 12.4; Majcherek 1993, p. 215; in Caesarea, see Riley 1979, p. 186; in Berenice, see Riley 1970, p. 187, fig. 32; in Pelusium, see Ballet 1993 p. 16; in Israel, see Zemer 1977, p. 52, no. 41, pl. XV; in Ostia, see Panella 1974, p. 474-476; in Corith, see Slane 1994, p. 136, no. 24, pl. 34; in Sinai Arthur-Orwen 1998, p. 199; in Ayios Philon, see Plat Taylor-Megaw 1981, p. 248, nos. 479-81; in Paphos, see Hayes 1991, p. 91-92, Type III, pl. XXIV, nos. 3, 6-8; Hayes 2000, p. 286, fig. 3; in Tomis, see Opait 1996, p. 209, pl. 10, 9A-B.

<sup>41</sup> A shipwreck found near Dtirousha-Kioni at the extreme western point of Cyprus contains a cargo of Agora G199 amphorae. However, we do not know whether it was sung while entering to or leaving the port. Leonard 1995, p. 236.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Williams 1989, p. 92-93.

<sup>43</sup> The Cypriot Agora G199 amphorae found during the prospections at Bir Abu Qreiya, Wadi Gerf and Dweig which are located on the desert road between Coptos and Berenice. Ballet 1996, p. 820; G. Majcherek claimed that the majority of these amphorae found in the excavations at Marina el Alamein in Egypt were produced in Cyprus although they have two different clay groups. Daszewski 1995, p. 31-32.

54<sup>44</sup>. Although these amphorae are thought to have been produced near Aigeai after the archaelogical prospections around the bay of Iskenderun<sup>45</sup>, none of the workshops or deposits has been excavated until now. Pompei V amphorae have influences of late rhodian amphorae according to the general proportions of the form except its triangular rims and distinctive grooved handles. Moreover, these amphorae have flat ringed bases which is not familiar to the commercial amphorae produced in Anatolia during the Early Roman Period.

The Pompei V amphorae and naturally the content of them –we do not know what they carried– have never been abundant in the Mediterranean commercial history although they were produced during the Pax Romana. While these amphorae were found in a context dated to the c.79 AD in Stabia<sup>46</sup>, the latest examples have been dated to the beginning of the second century AD in Athenian Agora<sup>47</sup>. The general dispersion of these amphorae shows some similarities with Agora G 199 amphorae. The examples of Pompei V amphorae have been found in the excavations in Athens, Kerameikos<sup>48</sup>, Argos, Alexandria and Tarsus.

The production center of Agora M 54 amphorae has been found out during the surveys of J.-Y. Empereur and M. Picon in Cilicia (Fig.8). They discovered the waste production areas of Agora M 54 amphorae in Elaioussa Sebaste and Aigeai located in the eastern part of Cilicia, and Seleuceia Pieria<sup>49</sup>. Although a chronology of this type has not been formed yet, they are considered to have been produced from the end of the first century to the second century AD, based on the stratigraphical data from the Athenian Agora, Keramaikos, Paphos, Alexandria, Berenice and Delos<sup>50</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> This form was first classified in Pompei and called Pompei V, relating to the finding place as the production center has not been discovered. CIL IV, nos. 2731-2.

<sup>45</sup> Empereur-Picon 1989, p. 137, fig. 20-21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Caro 1987, p. 72, fig. 88, no. 85.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Grace 1961, p. 13, fig. 33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> For a selected bibliography of this form, see Böttger 1992, p. 370 and Empereur-Picon, 1989, p. 237, with note. 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Empereur-Picon 1989, p. 232; Empereur-Garlan 1992, p. 13, fig. 2; Abadie-Reynal 1992, p. 361; Satre 1995, p. 298.

<sup>50</sup> Hayes 1991, p. 93, nos. 31-32, pl. 25, fig. 3; in Keramaikos, see Böttger 1992, p. 338-339, taf. 99.2, kat. nos. 55-60, abb. 1.12; in Berenice, see Riley 1979, p. 146, D106; in Alexandria, see Empereur 1999, p. 397, Inv. Alex. G.1006, for two different scales of Agora M 54 amphorae, see Senol 2002a: in Athens SEE, Robinson 1959, M54.

The Agora M 54 amphorae or so called *Pseudo-Cos en cloche* were more common in the Eastern Mediterranean centers rather than in occident, particularly in the Cilician Region<sup>51</sup> and Cyprus. Nevertheless, the content of this form has not been discovered yet. In spite of the lack of evidence, except our knowledge on non-existence of pitch inside the jars, as a conventional belief, one should bear in mind that these amphorae may have been used to carry olive oil of the region.

These amphorae have not been distributed widely as Pompei V amphorae. They have been found in the eastern markets such as Myus Hormos (Quseir) and Alexandria in Egypt<sup>52</sup>, in Agia Napa located in the south-east of Cyprus, and the Levant Region<sup>53</sup>.

DR 2-4 types, considered as the imitation of Koan amphorae (Augst 5; Peacock-Williams 10; Ostia LI; Cam.182-183; Callender 2; Benghazi ER4) are known as the most diffused form of Roman amphorae (Fig.9). Although they were first produced in the same workshops of DR 1 amphorae in Campania region after 50 BC<sup>54</sup>, they have been in demand until the end of the second to the beginning of the third centuries AD. Because of its strong structure and distinctive features, which were accepted in foreign markets, they have been produced in numerous centers with small differences in form, in the Mediterranean Basin such as Gallia, Tarraconnesis, Narbonensis, Western Anatolia (Myndos, Knidos, Kos, Theangela, Halikarnassos), Rhodes, Cilicia, and even in Egypt and until Britannia<sup>55</sup>. Apart from the located workshops, the clay analysis related with the production centers call attention to the diversity of some undiscovered workshops which produced DR 2-4 amphorae; these workshops have not been discovered yet<sup>56</sup>. Among these different forms of DR 2-4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Senol-Kerem 2000, p. 92, no. 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Ballet 1996, p. 821, with note 71; Whitcomb-Johnson 1980, pl. 27.f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Hadjisavvas 1997, p. 82, fig. 67, no. 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Arthur-Williams 1992, p. 250.

In Tarraconensis, see Tchernia 1987, p. 328-329; Sciallano-Liou 1985, p. 12-23; Lund 1993, p. 123; in the Western coasts of Anatolia and the islands, see Empereur-Picon 1989, p. 225; in Britannia, see Sealey 1985, p. 128-30; Empereur-Hesnard 1987, p. 23, for Egyptian manufacture, see Empereur 1986, p. 599-608; Empereur-Picon 1992, p. 145-152; Empereur-Picon 1989, p. 228-229; Empereur-Picon 1999, p. 75-91; Şenol-Şenol 2000, p. 125-133.

<sup>56</sup> Berker-Constantin-Desbat 1986, p. 69; Peacock-Williams 1986, p. 88; Empereur-Picon 1986, p. 112.

amphorae, type 4 is considered as one of the earliest amphora type which seems to have been influenced by Campanian production<sup>57</sup>.

Although a complete example of a DR 4 amphora has not been discovered, or at least not published, from the excavations at production centers in Cilicia until now, the distinctive peculiarities of DR 4 amphora fragments found from the surveys have proved the manufacture of this form in the region. After the first amphora surveys of Cilicia, Empereur suggested that these amphorae were produced on the coasts of the region, at least in two different workshops one of which was located at Aigeia and the second must have been between Tarsus and Antakya. The recent surveys done by Rauh in Rough Cilicia have demonstrated the deposits of the workshops near Selinus<sup>58</sup>.

Although DR 2-4 amphorae are known as wine containers, they are used for some other local products in different regions, such as defretum, sauces, fruits and olive oil in minor quantity<sup>59</sup>. The DR 4 amphorae produced in Cilicia should have been used for wine trade according to the ancient sources and the evidence from the surveys and the excavations. R.Tomber has pointed out a relation between DR 2-4 amphorae of the region and the famous Laodicean wine from the archives of Nicanor, we know the distribution of this type from Egypt to India<sup>60</sup>. The clay compositions of Dressel 2-4 amphorae found in the excavations at Mons Claudianus have close relations with Cilician LR 1 amphorae that started to be produced after the fourth century AD<sup>61</sup>. In addition to the clay resemblance, as they have form characteristics close to Cilician DR 4 amphorae, we agree with the suggestion of Tomber that the Laodicean wine was carried by these amphorae<sup>62</sup>. Moreover, if we take into

Freed, J., "Adaptation of the Form of the Koan Amphora to the Production of 'Dressel 2-4' Amphoras in Italy and Northeastern Spain", RCRF, XXIst International Congress 1998, Ephesus and Pergamum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Rauh-Slane 2000, p. 324, fig. 14.

For Tarraconensian wine, see Tchernia 1971, p. 38-84; Tchernia-Zevi 1972, p. 35-67; for Coan wine, see Will 1989, p. 306; for Aminnean wine, see Desbat-Lequément-Liou 1987, p. 162.

<sup>60</sup> Fuks 1951, p. 207-216.

<sup>61</sup> The Cilician DR 2-4 amphorae display the range of orange red and buff colors (2.5 YR 5/6-6/6 - 10 YR 8/4) and includes limestone, a few mica, red or black grits and quartz particles.

<sup>62</sup> Tomber 1998a, p. 214.

consideration the proposed dates<sup>63</sup> of the Laodicean wine commerce between Laodiceia ad Mare and the Red Sea, Golf of Aden and India, we may confim that not only Laodicean but also successive wine of the region after the end of the first century AD may have been transported by DR 2-4 amphorae to the Eastern markets<sup>64</sup>.

After the troublesome centuries due to struggles in the Roman Empire, the Cilician commerce revived in the late fourth century AD<sup>65</sup>. Zemer 40 and LR 1 amphorae were produced abundantly owing to the diminishing rates of taxes applied on local producers in this period. Zemer Type 40, which are also called carrot-shaped amphorae, are well diffused in the late Roman commerce according to the evidence in the excavations and the shipwrecks in the Mediterranean Basin (Fig.10). As the workshops of these amphorae in the eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea coasts have determined, the concentration of Zemer 40 amphorae around these two regions, became more clear. After the excavations maintained by French archeologists in Sinope, an important production center of these amphorae which sustained its activity from the fourth to the fifth centuries AD was discovered in the city<sup>66</sup>. Besides, the investigations during the excavations around Black Sea proved that this form continued to have been produced until the beginning of the seventh century AD<sup>67</sup>.

Apart from the North Sea manufacture of Zemer 40, the minor production of North Syria or/and Cilicia (particularly Seleuceia Pieria) is distinctive. The surveys of Empereur and Picon proved that these amphorae started to be produced in Cilicia just before the famous LR 1 amphorae which flooded in the Mediterranean commerce after the forth century AD<sup>68</sup>. On the other hand, the clay analysis of the samples found in the Eastern Mediterranean

<sup>63</sup> Periplus Maris Erythraei 6, dates mid first century AD. Whitehouse 1990, p. 489-93; Casson 1991, p. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> For the bibliography on the distribution of these amphorae in Egypt, see Tomber 1998a, p. 216; for the Indian diffusion, see Sedov 1996, p. 11-29; Slane 1992, p. 204-215; Will 1992, p. 151-166.

<sup>65</sup> Kislinger 1998, p. 204.

Kassab Tezgör 1996 b, p. 277-291; Kassab Tezgör 1996a, p. 335-354; Garlan-Kassab Tezgör 1996, p. 331, fig. 11; Kassab Tezgör-Tatlıcan 1997, p. 20; Kassab Tezgör-Tatlıcan 1999, p. 316-317.

<sup>67</sup> Sazanov 1995, p. 185-196.

<sup>68</sup> Empereur-Picon 1989, p. 232-3.

centers demonstrated that some of them must have been produced in Sinop<sup>69</sup>. One can think a possible relation between Sinopean and Cilician potters as we realize some inspirations of the amphorae produced in both regions. From this point of view, after the Sinopean carrot-formed amphorae had been imitated in Cilicia, similar form aspects of Cilician LR 1A amphorae appeared in Sinopean white clayed manufacture.

The carrot-formed amphorae produced in the territory of Cilicia were found particularly in the excavations in the Eastern Mediterranean centers and in the cargoes of the shipwrecks discovered nearby these regions<sup>70</sup>. The interest of neighboring areas to Cilician wine can be explained by the period of booming the viticulture in Cilicia started in the fourth century AD.

The Eastern Mediterranean agricultural centers attached importance to wine production after the decline of the Italian wine production during the beginning of the fourth century AD<sup>71</sup>. The domination of the Mediterranean markets of the Eastern centers was proved by the overwhelming existence of LR 1 amphorae (Augst 58; Ballana 6; Benghazi LR1; Thomas Bii; Egloff 164-167; Kartaca LR1; Keay 18; Keay LIII; Kuzmanov XIII; Peacock Form 2; Peacock-Williams 44; Sabratha Tip 27; Scorpan 8B) found in the excavations. These amphorae were divided into two major groups as A and B, by Bonifay and Pieri according to their general form aspects and their capacities (Fig.11-12)<sup>72</sup>. Besides, Pieri attached a new group called C which seems to be the smaller version of LR 1B and presumably the latest series of LR 1 amphorae<sup>73</sup>. Furthermore, the successors of this form produced all through the Mediterranean and Black Sea coasts after the seventh century AD.

As LR 1 amphorae produced abundantly from the East Mediterranean coasts to the Western Anatolia and Cyprus, the clay compositions of these amphorae bear important variations. These dissimilar aspects can be observed even in different workshops of LR 1A amphorae. Among the LR 1A amphorae, two basic clay compositions were identified. While the

<sup>69</sup> Kassab Tezgör 2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> In Tarsus, see Grace 1950, fig. 167, no. 831.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Bowersock-Brown-Grabar 1999, p. 749; Tomber 1993, p. 158.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Bonifay-Pieri 1995, p. 118-119.

<sup>73</sup> This new form has been produced until the middle of the seventh century AD. Pieri 1998, p. 99.

colour of the first group is buff, and the ingredient has limestone, calcer, piroxene, serpantine, quartz and mica with a creamy-pseudo slip on the surface, the second group has a lighter reddish colour and is more refined. Similar diversities on clay compositions can be observed in LR 1B amphorae, produced in the same workshops or neighboring areas<sup>74</sup>.

However, the numerous workshops of the LR 1 amphorae have been discovered in Cilicia and elsewhere as in Marmaris and Rhodes<sup>75</sup>, some others have been found in Amathous, Kourion and Paphos in Cyprus which must be considered as other exportation centers of the period<sup>76</sup>. Moreover, the imitations of this form were produced with Nile silt clay even in Egypt nearby the workshops of Saint Jeremia at Saqqara<sup>77</sup>. Due to the diversity of the manufacture centers, it was not possible to establish a proper form development of these amphorae except the valuable study of Sazanov based on the amphorae found around the Black Sea centers<sup>78</sup>.

Although LR 1 amphorae were considered as wine transporters<sup>79</sup> and the great amount of Cilician commerce had been dominated with wine trade, the analysis of these amphorae proved that they were also used for oil trade as Liebeschuetz and Riley proposed<sup>80</sup>. It is not easy to estimate the exact scale of wine trade of Cilicia only regarding the amphora finds as their contents are still not determined precisely. Besides the well known dippinti applied on the necks, shoulders and the handle attachments underneath of LR 1 amphorae do not explain the contents of them as they bear

While the clay of Cilician amphorae has reddish, black and white quartz particles, Cypriot production is determined by the ingredients of reddish grits and non micaceous fabric.

<sup>75</sup> The workshops of LR 1 amphorae were discovered in Seleuceia Pieria, Arsus/Ulumiçi, Yumurtalık, Karataş, Tarsus, Soles and Ayaş by Empereur and many more can not be found out because of the alluvion mass. Empereur-Picon, 1989, p. 239, fig. 18; Abadie-Reynal 1992, p. 363.

<sup>76</sup> Lund 1993, p. 130; Michaelides 1996, p. 149; Demesticha 2000; Manning-Monks-Sewell,-Demesticha 2000, p. 233-256.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Ghaly 1992, p. 168, fig. 16 a-b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Sazanov 1999, p. 265-279.

Grape seeds were found in LR 1 amphorae in Yassıada Shipwreck. Bass-Doorninck 1982, p. 164 The traces of pitch was identified inside of the LR 1 amphorae found in te excavations in Marseilles. Pieri 1998, p. 104; Bonifay- Piéri 1995, p. 109.

<sup>80</sup> Liebeschuetz 1972, p. 79; Riley 1979, p. 216; Riley 1980, p. 116; Thomas 1959, p. 92; Steckner 1989, p. 68; Bonifay-Villedieu 1989, p. 25; Reynolds 2000, p. 55, with note 15.

the proper names and the capacities. Moreover, the type of the presses which were used for wine discovered around the region, confirms the opinion of Hild and Hellenkemper<sup>81</sup>.

The domination of these amphorae in all Mediterranean consumption centers<sup>82</sup> can explain the rise of the agricultural activity of Cilicia between the forth and the sixth centuries AD, by means of the achievements of the church organization. The evidence of the trade, mainly the names of wine importers in this period mentioned on the funerary inscriptions were found in Corycus<sup>83</sup>. Although the production was effected by the general decline during the sixth century AD<sup>84</sup>, the producers changed the direction of the commerce to the north, thus the loss of the crisis got over<sup>85</sup>. As a result, the LR 1 amphorae have been found in the excavations and the surveys of the North Aegean centers more abundantly than Western Mediterranean sites<sup>86</sup> which effected the forms of later amphora manufacture of the region.

The eastern dispersion of the LR 1 amphorae displays a different outline. While they were found numerously in the Eastern Mediterranean centers such as Carthage and Alexandria in the contexts dated between the end of the fifth and the beginning of the sixth centuries AD<sup>87</sup>, they were found in minor quantities in the layers dated to the same period in the excavations at Hispania, Italia, Gallia, Britannia and Switzerland.

The LR 1 amphorae have a special position in the commerce of Alexandria during the fifth and the sixth centuries AD. The commercial

<sup>81</sup> Diler 1995, p. 88, with note 23.

For the dispersion tables and detailed bibliography of LR 1 amphorae, see Pacetti 1995, p. 275-279; for the dispersion in Egyptian centers, see Bailey 1998, p. 121-122; Ballet-Picon 1987, p. 26; Tomber 1998b, p. 179, nos. 75-6;

<sup>83</sup> Even though the production of wine is known in the hinterland of Corycus, this city was not considered as a producer-center because of the superabundant rates of the wine importers' names on funerary stels. Besides the important role of Corycus in the commerce of Cilicia is indisputable. Trombley 1987, p. 19. Moreover, some stamps of Corycus have been identified on LR 1B amphorae in Tomis. Opait 2002.

<sup>84</sup> Tomber 1993, p. 158.

<sup>85</sup> The peak point of the commerce between Cilicia and the centers around Black Sea dates to the sixth century AD due to the dispersion of the LR 1 amphorae.

<sup>86</sup> Boardman 1961, p. 111; Abadie 1989, p. 55. The dominance of the LR 1 amphorae at Saraçhane excavations in Istanbul is remarkable. Hayes 1968, p. 215.

<sup>87</sup> Riley 1981, p. 120; Peacock 1984, p. 119-120, fig. 34.1

activity in Alexandria was strengthened after the Roman authority had been re-installed in the middle of the fourth century AD<sup>88</sup>, as it can be seen on the diagrams of the amphora sherds found in the excavations in the city<sup>89</sup>. In this period, the abundance of the Cilician amphorae was remarkable. The presence of LR 1 amphorae has been increased to 13% of the total amphora sherds dated between the fifth and the beginning of the seventh centuries AD, found in the rescue excavations of CEA in Alexandria. In this period Alexandria was effected by general commercial trends in Mediterranean<sup>90</sup> so they changed the orientation of trade and turned to the eastern production centers especially Cilician region as these amphorae were predominant in the layers dated to the fifth-sixth centuries AD.

Due to the reduction of the tax rates enforced on local producers in Cilicia during the fourth century AD<sup>91</sup>, the exportation of the first LR 1A amphorae of the region started in the same period with the Cypriot LR 1 amphorae<sup>92</sup>. We may talk about the achievements of Cilician and Cypriot merchants in the commerce of Eastern Mediterranean so that they could have transported their goods in LR 1 amphorae to the Eastern centers via Alexandria<sup>93</sup>. The predominance of LR 1 amphorae all through the Mediterranean centers and even from Ireland to Yemen<sup>94</sup>, was over in the North African centers and North Syria-Palestine region after the Arabian invasions<sup>95</sup>. The latest examples of the characteristic LR 1 amphorae found in Carthage and Tocra dated to the end of the seventh century AD<sup>96</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> Martin 1998, p. 14.

<sup>89</sup> Senol 2000b, lev. 43, tab. 7; Majcherek 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Done-Keay 1989, p. 70.

<sup>91</sup> Hild-Hellenkemper 1990, I, p. 34-42.

<sup>92</sup> Egloff 1977, Type 164-7; The first known examples of this type found in the destruction layers in Kourion dated to 365 AD. Lund 1993, p. 130.

<sup>93</sup> For the Cilician and Cypriot amphorae found in Alexandria, see Senol 2001, p. 375-381.

<sup>94</sup> Ballet 1996, p. 827; Michaelides 1996, p. 149.

<sup>95</sup> Vogt 1997, p. 257; Sodini-Villeneune 1992, p. 197.

<sup>96</sup> Majcherek 1992, p. 102, with notes 20-1; in Tocra, see Boardman-Hayes 1973, p. 116-117; in Cartage, see Riley 1980, p. 116.1

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Fig. 1 A coin of Nagidos found in the site, bearing an amphora in the middle and dating to the 5th c. BC.

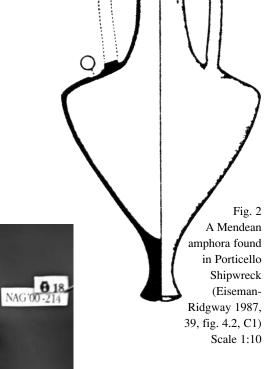


Fig. 3 A stamp of Pistos group found in Nagidos.



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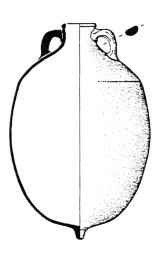


Fig. 5 A Pamphylian amphora in the Greco-Roman Museum in Alexandria (Empereur 1999, p. 396, fig 5, Inv. Alex 22.989) Scale 1:10

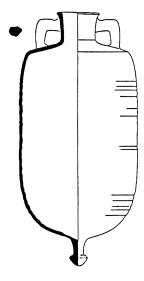


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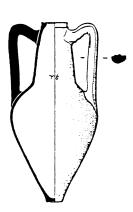


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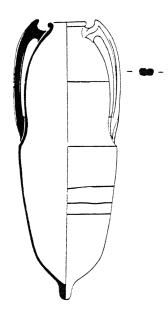


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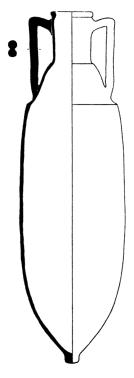


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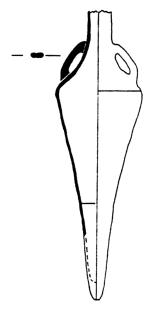


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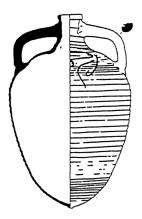


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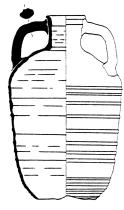


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