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**Preliminary data for the Brittle Ware from the new excavations in the South-West
Quarter of Palmyra**

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Brittle Ware is commonly referred to thin walled cooking wares, often with corrugated surface, made of red-coloured, non-calcareous clays, produced in Syria from the Hellenistic to the Islamic periods.

The morphological repertoire, common to the most of the production, includes shapes for cooking (pots, pans), jugs, lids and lamps.

Archaeometric analysis of Brittle Wares identified several workshops, presumably one of these in Palmyra, where sherds have been found ranging from 1st cent. B. C. to the Islamic period.

Sherds of Brittle Ware from the new excavations (since 2008) of the Archaeological Italian – Syrian joint Mission in Palmyra (PAL.M.A.I.S.) in the south-west quarter have been found in layers dating VI – VII cent. A. D. and so they offer the opportunity to expand on some aspects of the production and the circulation of Brittle Ware in Palmyra at the end of Antiquity.