

Pistiros. Regulations concerning Pistiros, the surrounding Thracian emporia, and some Greek cities

Description: granite stele, worn out on the top left and broken on the bottom left corner (dimensions: h:1.64 m w:0.63 m d:0.27 m)

Layout: inscribed on the face. 22 to 27 letters each line

Letters: Ionic letters; mixed ionian and koine dialect

Origin: a Thracian emporion (Pistiros?)

Dating: after 359 BC

Findspot: found in 1990 near the village of Vetren (Bulgaria)

Current location: the Archaeological Museum 'Prof. Mieczysław Domaradzki' in the town of Septemvri (Bulgaria) ?

Reference Edition: Domaradzka, Chankowski 1999, 247-256 (*SEG* 49 911; ; *SEG* 43 486)

Other Editions: Domaradzki, Domaradzka 1993, 35-56; Domaradzka, Velkov 1994, 1-15 (*ed. princeps*, cf. Ph. Gauthier, *BE* 1995 432); Bravo, Chankowski, A. 1999, 275-317; G. Mihailov, *IGBulg* V 5557 ter

Photographs: Domaradzka, Velkov 1994, 3, fig. 1; Domaradzka, Chankowski 1999

Translations: Domaradzka, Velkov 1994, 4-5 (French); Aigner Foresti 2002, 316 (Italian)

Bibliography: Avram 1997-1998, 37-46; Domaradzka 1999, 347-358; Salviat 1999, 259-273; Bosnakov 1999, 319-329; Picard 1999, 331-346; Loukopoulou 1999, 359-371; Archibald 2000-2001, 253-275; Aigner Foresti 2002, 315-317; Loukopoulou, 2005, 13-17; Chankowski, Gotzev, Nehrizof 2004-2005, 1226-1253; Archibald 2005, 885-899; Demetriou 2010, 77-93; Demetriou 2012, 153-187; Hatzopoulos 2013, 13-21

[. c. 20.]ΙΚΙΑ

[. c. 12.]ΔΕΝΝΥ..Η εἰ δὲ ..

[. 4. ὁμνύτ]ω τὸν Διόνυσον καὶ

[. 4.] ὀφειλέτω· ὅ τι ἂν δέ τις τῶν

5 [ἐμπ]οριτέων ἐπικαλῆι ὁ ἕτερος τ-

[ῶι ἐ]τέρῳ κρίνεσθαι αὐτοὺς ἐπὶ τ-

[οῖς] συγγενέσι καὶ ὅσα ὀφείλετα[ι]

τοῖς ἐμπορίταις παρὰ τοῖς Θραιξ-

[ί]ν, τούτω γ' ἡμεῶν ἀποκοπὰς μὴ

10 ποιεῖν· γῆν καὶ βοσκήν ὅσην ἔχουσ-

ιν ἐμπορίταις, ταῦτα μὴ ἀφαιρεῖ-

[σθ]αί· ἐπαυλιστὰς μὴ πέμπειν το-

[ῖς] ἐμπορίταις· φρουρὴν μηδεμίαν

εἰς Πίστιρον καταστῆσαι μήτε α-

15 [ύτ]ὸμ μήτε ἄλλῳ ἐπιτρέπειν·

[κλήρους (*vel* ὁμ)]ήρους Πιστιρηνῶν μὴ λαμ-

- [βάν]ειμ μηδὲ ἄλλωι ἐπιτρέπειν·
 [τὰ (*vel γῆν*)] τῶν ἐμποριτέωμ μὴ [ἀ]φαιρεῖ-
 [σθ]αι μήτε ἀότῳ μήτ[ε το]ύς ἐ-
 20 [αυτ]οῦ· τέλεα κατὰ τὰς ὁδοὺς
 μὴ πρήσσειν, ὅσα εἰς Μαρώνεια[ν]
 [εἰσ]άγεται ἐκ Πιστίρου ἢ ἐκ τῶν ἐ-
 [μ]πορίων ἢ ἔγ Μαρωνείης εἰς Πίστ-
 [ιρ]ον ἢ τὰ ἐμπόρια Βελανα Πρασε -
 25 [ω]ν· τοὺς ἐμπορίτας τὰς ΑΠΑΖ
 [.. ? ..] καὶ ἀνοίγειγ καὶ κλείειν . ἅμα
 [καθ]άπερ καὶ ἐπὶ Κότυος ἰᾶνδρα Μ -
 [αρω]νίτην οὐ δῆσω οὐδὲ ἀποκτ-
 [ενέ]ω οὐδὲ ἀφαιρήσομαι χρήμα-
 30 [τα] οὔτε ζῶντος οὔτε ἀποθανόν-
 [τος] οὔτε αὐτὸς οὔτε τῶν ἐμῶν
 [οὐ]δεῖς· οὐδὲ Ἀπολλωνιητέων, οὐδ-
 [ἐ Θ]ασίων, ὅσοι ἐμ Πιστίρῳι εἰσί[ν],
 [οὔ]τε ἀποκτενέω οὐδένα, οὔτε
 35 [δῆ]σω οὔτε ἀφαιρήσομαι χρήμα-
 [τα οὔτε] ζῶντος οὔτε ἀποθανό-
 [ντος οὔτε] αὐτὸς οὔτε τῶν ἐμῶν
 [οὐ]δεῖς· εἰ δέ τις] τῶν οἰκητόρων
 [.. ? ..] τῶν οὔ ὁ ἐμπορ -
 40 [.. ? ..]ον εἰσὶν ΑΙΜ -
 [.. ? ..]ν, ἐὰμ μὴ ΑΜ -
 [.. ? .. τ]ις ἀδικῇι τὸ-
 [ν δεῖνα (*vel ὕς δεῖνας*)] τε ΕΨΩΑΛΛΑ
 [ἀναδο(*vel ἀποδο*)]χεὺς τὴν ἐπ -
 45 [.. ? .. δι' ἐκαστ]οῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ
 [.. ? ..]Α (vac.)

- Aigner Foresti, L. (2002), 'Etruschi e Greci in Adriatico. Nuove considerazioni', in L. Braccesi and M. Luni (eds.), *I Greci in Adriatico*. 1. Supplemento del Convegno internazionale (Urbino, 21-24 ottobre 1999), Roma (Hesperia, 15), 313-327
- Archibald, Z.H. (2000-2001), 'The Odrysian River Port near Vetren, Bulgaria, and the Pistiros Inscription', *Talanta* 32-33, 253-275
- Archibald, Z.H. (2005), 'Inland Thrace', in M.H. Hansen T.H. Nielsen (eds.), *An Inventory of Archaic and Classical Poleis*, Oxford, 885-899
- Avram, A. (1997-1998), 'Notes sur l'inscription de l'emporion Pistiros en Thrace', *Il Mar Nero* 3, 37-46
- Bosnakov, K. (1999), 'Identification archeologique et historique de l'emporion Pistiros en Thrace', *BCH* 123, 319-329
- Bravo, B. and A. Chankowski (1999), 'Cités et emporia dans le commerce avec les barbares à la lumière du document dit à tort «inscription de Pistiros»', *BCH* 123, 275-317
- Chankowski, V., A. Gotzev and G. Nehrif (2004-2005), 'Pistiros', *BCH* 128-129, 1226-1253
- Demetriou, D. (2010), 'Pistiros and a North Aegean Trade Network', *AC* 79, 77-93
- Demetriou, D. (2012), *Negotiating Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean: The Archaic and Classical Greek*

Multiethnic Emporia, Cambridge

Domaradzka, L. and V. Chankowski (1999), 'Réédition de l'inscription de Pistiros et problèmes d'interprétation', *BCH* 123, 247-256

Domaradzka, L. and V. Velkov (1994), 'Kotys I (383/2-359 av. J.-C.) et l'emporion Pistiros de Thrace', *BCH* 118, 1-15

Domaradzki, M. and L. Domaradzka (1993), 'Pistiros: centre commercial et politique dans la vallée de Maritza (Thrace)', *Archeologia* 44, 35-56

Domaradzka, L. (1999), 'Monuments épigraphiques de Pistiros', *BCH* 123, 347-358

Hatzopoulos, M.B. (2013), 'Τὰ τῶν ἐμποριτῶν φιλάνθρωπα: Observations on the Pistiros Inscription (SEG XLIII 486)', in P. Martzavou and N. Papazarkadas (eds.), *Epigraphical Approaches to the Post-Classical Polis: Fourth Century B.C. to Second Century A.D.*, Oxford, 13-21

Loukopoulou, L. (1999), 'Sur le statut et l'importance de l'emporion de Pistiros', *BCH* 123, 359-371

Loukopoulou, L. (2005), 'Addendum on the inscription of Vetren: custom duties of the Odrysians', in J. Bouzek and L. Domaradzka (eds.), *The Culture of Thracians and their Neighbours*. Proceedings of the International Symposium in Memory of Prof. Mieczyslaw Domaradzki, Oxford, 13-17

Picard, O. (1999), 'Le commerce de l'argent dans la charte de Pistiros', *BCH* 123, 331-346

Salviat, F. (1999), 'Le roi Kersobleptès, Maronée, Apollonia, Thasos, Pistiros et l'histoire d'Hérodote', *BCH* 123, 259-273
