

SEAL

Unique ID: YORYM-E8A4B7

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete cast lead Russian bale seal of early modern date. The seal is circular in plan with worn edges and a roughly rectangular cross section. It is comprised of a single disc of metal which is perforated by a hole running across its diameter. The holes would have been for wire or textile ligatures which were used to secure a bag.

Stamped text can be seen on both sides of the seal though much on one side is now illegible

The obverse is stamped with four lines of text reading:

AR//[--]POK[---]//[--]KO[--]//[----] (the letter K is in retrograde).

This text represents the initials and surname of the Quality Control Officer and possibly a code for the location at which the Officer worked or the registered number of the sealing tongs he used.

The reverse of the seal is stamped with a further three lines of text reading:

NP//[--]HIOH//1785

Denoting the place of export, and the remaining text most probably denotes the producer of the goods with 1785 being the year of production. The stamps are a mixture of Roman and Cyrillic scripts.

The metal is a mid greyish-brown colour and is worn. The seal is 23.8mm in diameter, 6.9mm thick and weighs 17.9g.

Class: Bag

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MODERN

Period from: MODERN

Date from: Circa AD 1785

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Thickness: 6.9 mm

Weight: 17.9 g

Diameter: 23.8 mm

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Lead

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [East Riding of Yorkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [East Riding of Yorkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: North Ferriby

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined