



59-year-old docker dies after being hit by a gantry crane in the port of Antwerp

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Het ongeval gebeurde aan de Antwerp Bulk Terminal. FOTO: RR

ANTWERP - A fatal industrial accident happened on Tuesday at the Antwerp Bulk Terminal (ABT) in the port of Antwerp. A 59-year-old dock worker ended up under a gantry crane. The circumstances are being investigated.

The man from Merksem, with many years of service, was working on a ship as a deckhand. He took care of the communication between the crane operator and the workers in the hold. During the unloading of bulk goods, the man was hit by a gantry crane. He did not survive the accident.

Port dome CEPA is conducting an investigation into the circumstances of the accident together with the Welfare at Work service of the FPS WASO. "We do this thoroughly in order to avoid such accidents in the future," says Yann Pauwels of CEPA. "So we cannot yet make a statement about the cause."

It is the first fatal accident to be regretted in the port of Antwerp this year.