

## Taranto, worker overwhelmed and killed during some wind turbines loading operations at the port

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Overwhelmed and killed during some wind turbines loading operations. He victim a 45 year old. His name was Massimo De Vita, a former employee of the Taranto Container Terminal company. He was an experienced worker. He worked on call, based on article 17 which regulates port workers. He leaves two children. The fatal accident occurred in the port of Taranto, shortly after 8 this morning in the public part of the fourth projecting part of the Ionian port. He had just started his shift. He should have loaded onto a ship the steel castles that they support in the transport of the wind turbines. One of these steel artifacts fell, overwhelming the worker.

The dynamics of what happened are not yet fully clear. The frame - very heavy - would have suddenly dropped off the dock from a ship carrying wind turbines. The rescue attempts were useless: for the worker, in charge of moving the blades, there was nothing to do. The 118 health workers, police and carabinieri intervened on the spot and started the investigations. At the moment, investigations are also underway by the Spesal of the ASL, the Prevention and Safety Service in the workplace.

The young man was a member of the CGIL. "The quay operations were ending - explains Michele De Ponzio, who follows the port workers for the Ionian Filt - and worked for the Nuova Neptunia which is a company that is called on the basis of article 17 and administers the work to all companies that work in the port when there are peaks of work. Peyrani is one of the companies that orbits in the port area: it applied for and got the worker from Nuova Neptunia ». Everything would have happened during the clearing operations of a small castle that is used to house the wind turbines on the ships. When they are decommissioned, they are placed on the ground. The crane takes this small castle that houses the wind turbines from the ship, places it on the quay and the breeches are removed. "During this operation, this steel castle fell and was crushed ». It would appear that it had not been placed well on the ground and would have turned over. But this opothesis is all to be verified. The young man worked on call for a contract firm. He had the qualification of a raiser.

It is not the first accident at the port of Taranto. Last year, the worker Natalino Albano crashed from a ship onto the quay of the fourth jutting out of the port and died instantly. He was following the progress of the load aboard wind turbines. 300 meters from today's accident.

«We are facing yet another tragedy at work in the port of Taranto. Safety in the workplace is becoming more and more a priority and an emergency to be addressed "declared in a joint note the category secretaries of the CGIL, CISL and UIL of the category, De Ponzio, Fiorino and Sasso". At 12 the sirens of the ships in port will sound, while initiatives are being considered.

On the immediate event, the note from Acciaierie d'Italia which states that "it does not manage the protruding number 4 west side of the port of Taranto and that it has no involvement in the operations that led to this accident, either directly or through activities carried out by contractors "on behalf of the iron and steel industry.

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