

## Stevedore run over in Porto de Mucuripe warns of common problems in port work

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The death of a stevedore caused the interdiction of a pallet and material loading operation at the Port of Mucuripe, in Fortaleza/CE, on November 7th. About to retire, OGMO-FOR worker Joaquim Francisco Monteiro dos Santos, scheduled for the operation on the ship Green Egersund, was run over by a truck that was circulating on the pier near warehouse A4 and had his head crushed by the vehicle, dying instantly.

According to information from the Regional Unit for Inspection of Port and Waterway Work of the Occupational Safety and Health Sector of the Regional Superintendence of Labor in Ceará, of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, several irregularities were verified after the accident at the port. Among them, failing to install safety systems in danger zones for machines and/or equipment, allowing operation without authorization

by a work permit issued by a qualified professional, when using more than one piece of equipment, and failing to maintain machinery and/or equipment in movement of cargo in a position that does not offer risks to workers and/or the port operation, when not used. According to a report by the labor inspector, Franklim Rabelo de Araújo, who accompanied the case,

The auditor points out the following protective measures to be adopted: isolation of the truck circulation area with more cones and warnings prohibiting entry into the area; work procedure and training of workers involved in the operation, including forklift operators and truckers; provide supervisors in the area to ensure that workers are prohibited from moving vehicles and ensure that the operation can only be authorized by means of a work permit issued by a legally qualified professional.

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Last Thursday (10) the port operating company Brandão Filhos Fortship Agência Marítima Ltda, presented documents proving that the safety measures will be implemented, with the interdiction of the operation being lifted. "The company immediately tried to rectify the problem because the ship was waiting for the cargo, which was fruit destined for Europe and which could deteriorate. But the preventive measures are being monitored by the labor inspection and infraction notices were also drawn up for the irregularities found by the inspection in the operation that caused the fatal accident", says Araújo.

Despite the fact that the Port of Mucuripe has no previous records of accidents of this nature, the auditor understands that some irregularities verified are very common situations in this sector across the country. "For example, the lack of risk analysis of the service to be performed combined with the lack of operational procedures and training of workers involved in operations, which are uninterrupted and dynamic in port areas. The high number of port operations makes it difficult to adjust the prescribed work (operational procedure) and the actual work, justifying constant supervision in the areas of operations that involve various equipment, such as forklifts, trucks, trailers and cranes", he says.