

Fatal accident at the port: 31-year-old worker dies crushed by an ecobale. The mayor: deep sorrow

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Fatal accident this afternoon in the **port** of **Taranto** , at the protruding quarter. An employee of the Ecological company, Antonio Bellanova, aged 31, was crushed by an **ecoballa** (waste) inside the hold of a **ship** while he was at **work** . 118 intervened on the spot but there was nothing more they could do for the worker.

The Details

According to preliminary information, the accident occurred during unloading operations from a vessel flying the Panamanian flag with a load of three thousand tons of ecobales. The worker was overwhelmed and crushed by one of the bales. Rescue attempts by the 118 health workers proved useless. Police, carabinieri, firefighters and

Spesal technicians intervened on the spot to ascertain dynamics and responsibility. The incident occurred in the public area of the port quarter, not managed by the former Ilva.

“All the investigations are underway, the police are on the spot, we are at the Captaincy, the Carabinieri, the Spesal of the ASL and the Port Authority. The dynamics of the accident are not yet clear, everything is still being evaluated and reconstructed, also because it is something that happened within the last hour. The accident occurred on a commercial quay of the port, the fourth protruding ”: so the commander of the Taranto port authority, Rosario Meo. The deputy public prosecutor who is coordinating the investigation is Antonio Natale.