

# Port worker dies crushed by container in Arica maritime terminal

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A 51-year-old port worker died early Monday morning after being crushed by a container that was being handled at the [Arica](#) maritime terminal .

The news was confirmed by the Investigative Police , who are investigating the circumstances of the accident that cost Marcelo Tapia Rojas his life.

*"Investigating officers from the Arica Homicide Brigade are developing the procedures that allow establishing the circumstances in which a 51-year-old man died. The event occurred in the Puerto Arica terminal, while a container was being unloaded, this element would have fallen on the victim, causing her death in the same place,"* said sub-prefect Álvaro Astroza, head of the BH of the PDI Arica.

As added by the sub-prefect Astroza, they are going to *"establish the precise circumstances in which the event occurred, through all the evidence that we can obtain, both through witness statements and effects of expertise that we are going to carry out in the place"*.

While from the [Ultraport company](#) , a firm for which Marcelo Tapia worked, they issued an official statement, in which they assured that *"with deep regret we inform that in hours of this morning an accident occurred inside the facilities of the Port of Arica, a fact in which unfortunately Marcelo Tapia Rojas (QEPD), an Ultraport collaborator, died"*.

*"We deeply regret the death of the collaborator, friend and colleague and we send our most sincere condolences to his family and loved ones, whom we have accompanied from the first minute, supporting them at a time as difficult as this,"* says the letter that was made public. during this morning.

The port firm also commented that *"as soon as this event occurred"*, all work in the port terminal was stopped, and the corresponding protocols were activated *"to deal with the situation and protect the safety and integrity of the workers."*

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