

Ultraport worker dies in Puerto de Arica during work

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An **Ultraport** worker , identified as **Marcelo Tapia Rojas** , was killed during port work that was carried out in the **Port of Arica**.

The event occurred during the third shift around 3 in the morning on Monday, August 21, according to preliminary data obtained by **PortalPortuario** and later confirmed by the maritime transport services company.

In this context, from Ultraport it was indicated that "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 in a moment as difficult as this ".

"It is important to point out that as soon as this event occurred, all the tasks were stopped, immediately activating the corresponding protocols to deal with the situation and protect the safety and integrity of the workers. The causes of the accident are being investigated and all the measures at our disposal will continue to be taken to avoid events of this nature," he added.

According to the first versions, the worker was walking when he was crushed by a container during the operation of the **Maersk Everglades** ship.

Emergency personnel attended the port, who could not do anything to save the worker's life. Officials from the Maritime Authority were also present to start the first tests and investigations.

Due to this fatal accident, port work has been halted until further notice.

"In parallel to the investigation, we have been in permanent contact with the authorities and our work teams to report the facts and progress that we can report. As a team, we reiterate our commitment to Marcelo's family, loved ones and colleagues, at this difficult time," concluded the statement issued by Ultraport.

"Board of Directors, Workers and Collaborators of Empresa Portuaria Arica deeply regretted the accident with fatal consequences that occurred during the early hours of Monday, August 21 inside the port. As soon as the accident occurred, the respective protocols were activated and the authorities were informed to initiate investigations to determine the causes that led to the accident that led to the death of Ultraport collaborator Marcelo Tapia Rojas (QEPD)", indicated -while- the EPA.

“Likewise, as the port authority, all the background information is being requested from the Terminal Puerto Arica (TPA) concessionaire to clarify the causes of the accident. Both the Board of Directors and the Workers and Collaborators of Empresa Portuaria Arica share the pain and express our condolences to the family of Mr. Marcelo Tapia Rojas (RIP) in the face of such an irreparable loss. The port will keep its operations suspended in the area affected by the accident while the respective expertise is carried out to clarify the causes of such an unfortunate event,” the state company concluded in its statement.
