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## Unión Portuaria expresses regret for the death of a worker in Lirquén

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Through a public declaration, the Port Union of Bio Bio expressed its sorrow for the death of the supervisor Claudio Gutiérrez Saravia. Gutiérrez, 52 years old, it should be remembered, was doing work in the morning hours of this Friday in a cellulose reception operation when he was run over in circumstances that are being investigated. On the fateful fact, the Port Union said that "once again we must regret a fatal accident that happens in a port terminal of our country. This time we mourned the death of our colleague Claudio Gutiérrez Saravia, 52-year-old cellulose reception supervisor, who was crushed by a 16 ton forklift at 9:30 in the morning in the Port of Lirquén.

"This accident reminds us again that our work is of high risk and that accidents of great magnitude and fatality are a very certain probability. That is something that for years we have been repeating to anyone who wants to listen to us, and also to those who do not, where we insist on the dangerous nature of our tasks, when occurring in confined spaces and sharing it with rolling equipment and heavy cargo."

"To this we must add what has been happening in recent years, with the changes in the global shipping industry, which forces its large ships to produce the embarking and disembarking process faster and faster, to demand even more and everything that weight of transformation of the shipping and port industry is falling on the worker of our ports, those who are not designed for these new requirements of higher productivity and often must improvise or go beyond what is technically advisable with the consequences already known."

They added. "A sector with so few workers at a national level, no more than 10,000, can not afford to count every year with dead workers, it's time to do something and do it well," they said.

"It is not possible for government authorities, companies and legislators to sit idly by watching the changes in the sector come to us and hope that the physical and mental integrity, like life itself, of the human beings who work there, and their families, whatever keeps us inside the global trade circuit and not investments in technology, in science, in legislation in accordance with this new reality, in clear and strict safety and health regulations that allow Chile keep growing in its exports ", deepened from the UPBB.

"We know that these changes must come, but we will not accept, now or ever, that it is the life of our companions and the pain of their friends and family that must be put at stake for their achievement. It is the moment that each actor in this industry becomes aware of what is happening and understands that investing to produce with less risk, is not a cost but is a seed of sustainable development and that should never be underestimated, "concluded the union. ...