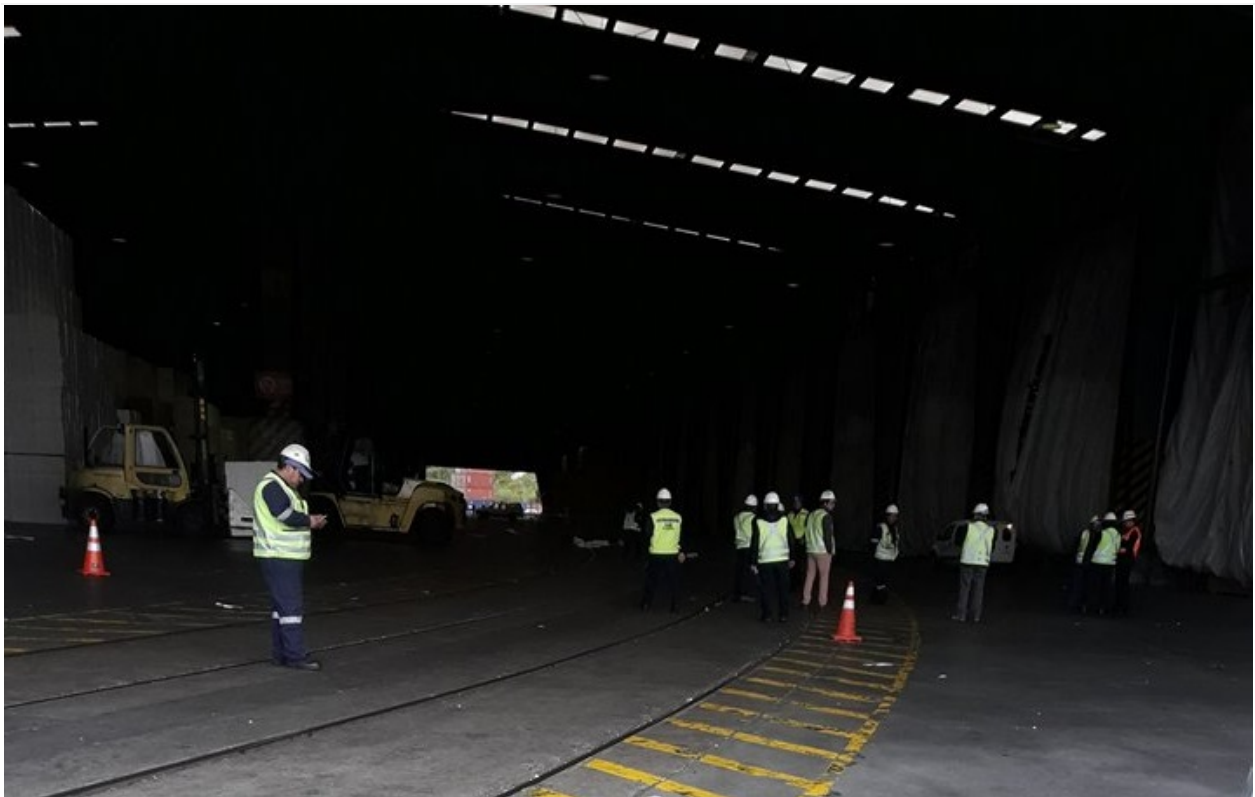


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Unión Portuaria regrets the death of a worker in Lirquén

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The **Port Union of Bio Bio** announced with a public statement its mourning for the death of the Overseer **Claudio Gutiérrez Saravia**.

Gutiérrez, 52 years old, should be remembered, worked in the morning hours of this Friday in a cellulose receiving operation when he was run over in the circumstances being investigated.

On the fatal fact, Union Portuaria said that "we once again regret a fatal accident happening in a port terminal in our country, this time mourning the death of our colleague Claudio Gutiérrez Saravia, 52-year-old cellulosic receptionist, which was crushed by a 16 tonne fork crane at 9:30 am in **Puerto de Lirquén**."

"[19659006]" This accident reminds us once again that our work carries a high risk and that large and fatal accidents involving This is something we have been reiterating for years to anyone who wants to listen to us, and also to those who do not hear it, where we insist on the dangerous nature of our duties, when they take place in confined spaces and bring them along rolling equipment and heavy cargo, "he added.

"To do this we need to add what has happened in recent years, with the changes in the global shipping industry, which forces their big ships to produce the process of getting in and out faster and faster, and more the weight of the transformation of the shipping and port industries is due to the workers of our ports who are not designed to meet these new demands of higher productivity and often have to improvise or go beyond the technical ones with the already known consequences, "they added.

"A sector with so few workers at the national level, not more than 10,000, it's time to do something and do well," they said.

"It is not possible for government agencies, companies and lawmakers to stand by and watch the changes in The Sector come to us, hoping that the physical and mental integrity, as well as the lives of the people who work in it, and their families keep us in the global trade cycle and not in investment in technology, in science, in legislation in line with this new reality, in clear and stringent safety and health regulations that allow Chile to grow in its exports ", says the UPBB.

"We know these changes must come But neither now nor ever will we accept that it is the lives of our Companions and the pain of their friends and family who are at stake for their accomplishments in which every actor in the industry is aware of what is happening and understands that investing with less risk is not a cost, but a seed of sustainable development and should never be underestimated, "the union concluded.