Port death: victim named

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The identity of the man who died of injuries sustained in a loading operation at the Port of Tauranga has been released.

In a statement to Sunlive, ISO cargo logistics company said it is mourning the loss of longstanding staff member Doug Hay.

Photo: File.

Doug, a 59-year-old truck driver, was injured while delivering cargo to a shipside as part of ISO's routine operations at the Port of Tauranga on August 16.

He was taken to Tauranga Hospital and airlifted to Waikato Hospital with head injuries where he died on August 22.

"This is a tragic accident that has shocked us all, and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time," says ISO Ltd managing director Greg Dickson.

"We have been providing support to his family since the incident occurred and have also offered counselling to our staff."

"We are working with the authorities in relation to the cause of the accident and also undertaking our internal investigations. Safety remains ISO's absolute priority."

WorkSafe earlier confirmed it was informed of the accident and was investigating.

Maritime Union National Secretary Joe Fleetwood yesterday criticised the lack of information on the death.

He confirmed he was only alerted the incident after reading about it on SunLive.