

Port worker dies after being hit by truck in Aracruz port

The accident happened in the early afternoon of Thursday, in Portocel. Claudio Windsor Santos, who served as loading lecturer, died instantly.



A dock worker died on Thursday afternoon (28 January), the victim of an industrial accident at the Portocel marine terminal in Barra do Riacho, Aracruz, in the northern state. **Claudio Windsor Santos**, 45, was struck by an industrial truck at around 1:35 PM.

According to information from the Unified Port Orla Union (Suport-ES), the victim's co-worker was operating the machine, a 24 ton forklift truck, and was removing pulp bales from the warehouse at Fibria for transfer to a ship. Windsor, who was a casual worker and also acted as loading lecturer, was near the site of the maneuver when he was hit by the truck.

According to the union, the worker died instantly and the driver went into shock. The machine operator, 56, received the company's emergency services and was taken to the clinic of Fibria.

Accident investigation expertise was immediately applied and all operating activities were suspended at Portocel. According to Suport-ES, the two workers were experienced in their jobs and both were union members.

The union president Ernani Pereira Pinto, deplored the fatality, which occurred precisely on the Day of the Port. "We hope that the expertise to find the real causes of the accident and that there is greater commitment of the company to strengthen worker safety, given the risks of the activity and the economic potential of Portocel, which can offer better health and safety conditions for its employees", he said.

Through a statement, Portocel reported that a research process is underway in the company to identify the causes of the accident. The company pointed out that, in conjunction with the Suport-ES, is rendering all assistance to the victim's family. Portocel also said that "at this moment of dismay, expressed condolences to relatives and friends."