



Press release from the Port Authority of Bilbao

The Port Authority of Bilbao would like to express its dismay and indignation at a news item published in a media outlet (El Correo) under the title: "Alarm in the Port of Bilbao due to the arrival of a cargo ship on which coronavirus has been detected".

First of all, we would like to clearly state that at no time has this been reported by the Port Authority of Bilbao, as this media outlet claims, and that this newspaper has at no time contacted the official sources of the Port Authority of Bilbao on this issue.

Secondly, and more importantly, this item of news is incorrect. At no time has any health authority, nor the ship's agent, nor the crew on board the vessel reported that this is true.

The Port Authority would respectfully request that the media check to confirm their news with official sources before publishing information that causes alarm, and more so in the current crisis situation.

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