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(ANSA) – GENOA, FEBRUARY 23 – Federlogistica-Conftrasporto raises the alarm on the project for the bridge over the Strait of Messina. “Unreservedly in favor of the construction, but be careful not to create a wall for the transit of ships – warns the president of Federlogistica, Luigi Merlo -. The various design studies would envisage a maximum height of 65 meters above sea level, which, considering the average height of large cruise ships but also ships engaged in the transport of goods and containers, would prevent the transit of many naval units which are already operating in the Mediterranean today, theoretically forced, once the bridge has been built, to circumnavigate all of Sicily even just to reach Messina or Catania starting from Naples”. Merlo therefore asks the Ministry of Infrastructure to verify if the rumors are true. “The wall effect – he adds – could be even greater, if the transit of ships under the bridge took place with marked wave motion, not to mention atmospheric events that have become customary even in our latitudes and, finally, in consideration of the ongoing phenomenon of sea level rise”. On the other hand, he completes: “We are perfectly aware that a higher bridge above sea level will lead to a substantial variation in the access ramps and therefore a greater penetration of the same in the Sicilian and Calabrian territory, but we believe it is our duty to collaborate with the Government to design and build a work that must also represent a turning point for the national logistics system which certainly cannot afford the luxury of erecting barriers on the most important routes of maritime traffic”. (HANDLE).