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Workplace health and safety officials are investigating a fatal accident at the Longreach saleyards in central-west Queensland.

A 44-year-old Warwick man was loading cattle for Frasers Livestock Transport at the saleyards when the incident occurred on Wednesday afternoon.

It is understood the truck driver was struck in the chest by a bull.

He later died in hospital.

A report is being prepared for the coroner and a departmental investigation is underway.

Liz Schmidt from the Livestock Transporters Association of Queensland say it highlights the dangers of working with cattle.

"Any kind of workplace accident is a terrible thing and we're just very devastated that this has happened," she said.

"We train our people to work with the cattle in the safest possible environment, but every beast is different and these things happen.

"There's not a lot that can be done about it but we train our people to make sure they know the dangers and can avoid them as best as possible."

She says the accident comes on top of a difficult year for livestock transporters, who have been affected by the live cattle export ban.

"It wouldn't matter if we hadn't had a bad year - this is still horrific however you look at it," she said.