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OF TEXAS**

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Honorable C. J. Wilde
County Auditor
Nueces County
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Sir:

Opinion No. C-3542

Re: Where two vehicles, each within the registration limitations, a truck weighing 32,000 pounds and a semi-trailer weighing 8,000 pounds are used together upon the highways as a combination to haul heavy overloads, is it necessary that the truck and semi-trailer be registered since the gross empty weight of both vehicles exceeds 38,000 pounds.

We are in receipt of your letter in which you request the opinion of this Department upon the following facts stated in your letter:

"Where two vehicles each within the registration limitations, a truck weighing 32,000 pounds and a semi-trailer weighing 8,000 pounds are used together upon the highways as a combination to haul heavy overloads, is it necessary that the truck and semi-trailer be registered since the gross empty weight of both vehicles exceeds 38,000 pounds.

"If your answer is in the negative, can the truck and semi-trailer be operated upon the highways under a special overload permit, without being registered, when not carrying any load at all?"

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In opinion No.0-3328 this Department held as follows:

"It is apparent that in providing for a method of registration in Article 6675a, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, the Legislature deemed it best to require that each motor vehicle, trailer and semi-trailer be registered separately."

We have examined Senate Bill No.43, Acts of the 47th Legislature, 1941, and we believe that under said Senate Bill the truck and semi-trailer you inquire about are each required to be registered separately. The truck tractor is to be registered in accordance with Section 6 of Article 6675a of Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes as amended by Senate Bill 43, supra, and the semi-trailer is to be registered in accordance with Section 8 of Article 6675a of Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes as amended by said Senate Bill 43, supra.

Our answer to your first question obviates the necessity of an answer to your second.

Yours very truly

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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