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RE: Your letter of March 18, 1974.

Dear Mr. Fierro:

You request our opinion relative to the legality of farmers moving mobile homes from one location to another with unregistered farm tractors on public highways of this state.

K.S.A. 8-126(f) defines a farm tractor as:

"Every motor vehicle designed and used as a farm implement power unit operated with or without other attached farm implements in any manner consistent with the structural design of such power unit."

K.S.A. 1973 Supp. 8-128, Exemptions from registration, reads in part as follows:

"(a) Farm tractors, all self-propelled farm implements . . . need not be registered under this act."

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It is our opinion that it was the intent of the state legislature in enacting K.S.A. 1973 Supp. 8-128 that farm tractors need not be registered for use on the public highway in connection with farm activities. Where the mobile home or travel trailer that is being moved from one farm location to another is owned or leased by the farm operator, and the mobile home is presently used or is to be used in the future in connection with farm operations, such as living quarters for the farm operator or a farm employee or for the storage of farm produce, farm machinery or equipment or commodities acquired to be used on the farm, and the movement of the mobile home, over the highways, is an isolated case, the use of a farm tractor, even though not registered, is lawful.

We hope this information will be useful to you.

Sincerely yours,



VERN MILLER
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