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Motor Vehicle Division
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Use of dealer plates on trucks, tractors or trailers.

FACTS:

By memorandum dated May 12, 1965, a written opinion was requested on the following question.

QUESTION:

Is it legal to use dealer plates on a truck or tractor trailer combination for the transportation of passenger cars or light trucks from the point of purchase to the dealer's place of business?

ANSWER:

No.

OPINION:

As stated in our Opinion #2 of February 26, 1965, 29 M.R.S. § 336, subsection 1, establishes the only permitted uses for motor trucks, tractors or trailers bearing dealer registration plates. These permitted uses are for demonstration, service or emergency purposes.

Service purposes are limited by 29 M.R.S. § 336, subsection 1 to the (a) transportation of articles and materials directly connected with the service or maintenance of motor vehicles or (b) the maintenance of the properties connected and used with such business. The transportation of passenger cars or light trucks from the point of purchase to the dealer's place of business does not fall within either of the aforementioned service purposes; nor is such transportation for emergency or demonstration purposes. It must follow that it is not a legal use to place dealer plates on a truck or tractor trailer combination for the transportation of passenger cars or light trucks from the point of purchase to the

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dealer's place of business as such use would fall outside
the purview of permitted uses set forth in 29 M.R.S. § 336,
subsection 1.

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