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**From:** CANZ (Crane Association New Zealand)  
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## Consistent Terminology for Mobile Crane Overweight Permits

The Vehicle Dimensions and Mass (VDAM) 2016 Rule, Section 5.8 - Permits for Overweight Vehicles Transporting Indivisible Loads, subsection 5.8(3)(j), allows for permits to be issued for ancillary items associated with indivisible loads or vehicles. In the context of mobile cranes, this includes any essential equipment such as counterweights, swamp pads, chains, wooden blocks, slings, hooks etc.

**Definition:** Ancillary - *Providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation.*

Examples are but not limited to:

- Counterweights,
- Outrigger Pads / Mats,
- Fly Jibs / Lattice Extensions,
- Hook Blocks / Ball Hooks,
- Rigging Gear - Slings, shackles, spreader bars, lifting beams, chains, etc.,
- Toolboxes & Support Equipment - Tools for maintenance, assembly, and rigging,
- Boom Dollies,
- Track Pads,
- Load Monitoring or Safety Devices,
- Lighting and Signage Equipment,
- Personnel Baskets,
- Safety Equipment.

Although these examples are for some of the ancillary equipment associated with Mobile Cranes, this list does not account for all possible equipment, especially with technological advances.

It is important to note that Ancillary Equipment is equipment providing necessary support to the operation.

Kind Regards,

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