

In a statement today, the president's office of the Formentera Council reported the island's local police force had brought charges for eight counts of itinerant selling on Formentera beaches this week. On Tuesday, August 9, law enforcement officers confiscated the following merchandise: 52 dresses, 69 shirts, 44 skirts, 70 pairs of trousers, 18 pairs of overalls, 1,074 bottles of water and 192 cans of fizzy drinks, as well as materials to make mojitos and various kinds of fruit.

According to department head Bartomeu Escandell, local police on the island carry out periodic checks to take aim at illegal hawking “and maintain order and tranquility on our beaches”. Escandell added that in recent months 18 cases of itinerant vending had been called up, including two for peddling fruit, five for drinks, eleven for clothing and one for jewellery. The councillor noted that charges had also been brought in seven cases of so-called “dynamic publicity,” which involves actively advertising on the street. Escandell said the goal of enforcement around the issue was to curtail the illegal action.