

## Efforts to tackle illegal itinerant selling

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In a joint operation between Formentera local police and the island's Guardia Civil forces, law enforcement agents executed an operation that led to eight charges of itinerant vending. Among the clothes, costume jewellery and fruit confiscated by officers were 46 pairs of French knickers, 23 dresses, 107 coconuts, 15 pineapples, 31 plastic containers of fruit and 11 bracelets.

For Bartomeu Escandell, chief of the president's office as well as head of the local police, the importance of rooting out itinerant peddling stems from the damage such unfair competition does to local businesses. "Illegal activity," he said, "of the sort carried out by waterfront vendors undercuts the image of tranquility we want our visitors to be able to enjoy". Escandell pledged the Council would continue to orchestrate efforts to tackle the practice.