The Formentera Department of Interior reports that local law enforcement have used legislation from 9 July 2015 on the national protection system (Ley 17/2015) in issuing 15 citations to islanders for flouting confinement orders in the days since the state of alarm was declared. Fines, which are determined by the local office of the Spanish central government, vary from €1,500 to €30,000. Across the board, infractions involved individuals who had left home without a valid motive.

Conseller of the interior Josep Marí insisted that, infractions aside, islanders are generally heeding the rules following the declaration of state of alarm. Formentera's inhabitants are called on to limit travel to a handful of specific cases. "All non-essential movement is out", Marí asserted, "and people need to plan their trips to the grocery store wisely and and get them out of the way". "The experts are saying this week will be crucial in terms of how the crisis develops, so we need to be extremely careful; now isn't the time to be letting our guard down".

Both Formentera Local Police and the Civil Guard will continue making traffic stops to see to it people play by the rules of confinement as laid out in the state of alarm, but according to Conseller Marí, "it's vital people be responsible: we've got a tough two weeks ahead of us, but if everyone does their part, we'll get through it".

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