

The tourism office and inspection service of the Consell de Formentera report that from 1 December the administration will begin trawling online listings of vacation rentals to check if they note an ET number (for *estada turística*, i.e. "tourist stay"), or failing that, the code verifying inclusion on the Responsible Declaration of New Activity (Driat).

Legislation passed 19 July 2012 requires that owners of accommodations rented to holidaymakers "incorporate or post an ET number in rental portals" (article 19.n), or, pursuant to article 23.7 of the same legislation, make permanently public their Driat registration number.

Created as part of Formentera's strategy on tourism-related inspections, the push aims for legislative compliance among businesses and tourists, as well as protection of islanders' right to housing, and certifying the exclusively residential use of dwellings not authorised for rental activity.

The legislation establishes failure to list an ET or Driat number as a minor offence punishable by fines of up to €4,000. Not obtaining the proper permit for rental activity constitutes a major offence, and the infraction carries fines of €20,000 to €40,000.

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