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DOWN ON THE FARM IN PUERTO PORTALS: IT'S GOING TO BE A GLORIOUS DAY TODAY SO WHY NOT HEAD TO THE FARMERS' MARKET IN THE PORT? FULL WEATHER FORECAST ON PAGE 24

BRITONS NOT GIVING UP ON MAJORCA THIS YEAR

● Many Britons are disappointed but certainly not giving up on coming to Majorca this year.

A PART from the Balearic authorities very few people were surprised that Spain was listed as amber on the UK's travel traffic light on Friday evening.

But, while the Majorcan Hotel Federation said the decision was a set back, hundreds of comments posted by the *Bulletin's* digital readers, over 70 percent of which are in the UK, the decision has not deterred Britons from coming to Majorca this year.

Some were upset that the Balearics was lumped in with mainland Spain considering the much lower case rates in the island compared to many places in Spain, but for the most part, many are determined to come to the island they love this year and are keeping their fingers crossed that Spain will soon be moved up to green as the vaccination roll out continues, case rates drop and Spain meets the UK's criteria.

And, the vast majority of people, while frustrated, do

appear to understand why Spain failed to be listed as green - the slow vaccination programme and pointed the finger of blame at Spain as opposed to the UK.

But, both Britons and the travel industry in general has welcomed amber.

Dame Irene Hays, chair of Hays Travel - the UK's largest independent travel agent - said the announcement was a "positive move forward".

And the first review is only three weeks away.

"I'm coming anyway - I've become a pro at quarantine anyway, there's nothing coming between me and a paella, sangria and some sunshine," one reader posted.

Home and yacht owners and investors will be keen to return to the Balearics and as TUI pointed out, the premium of holidaying in the UK this year has become so expensive, even with the cost of PCRs, it will still prove cheaper to come overseas this summer.

Guardia Civil seize packages with firearms in Palma



A full investigation has been opened.

PALMA. The Guardia Civil have seized three packages at a Correos (Post Office) facility on the Can Valero industrial estate.

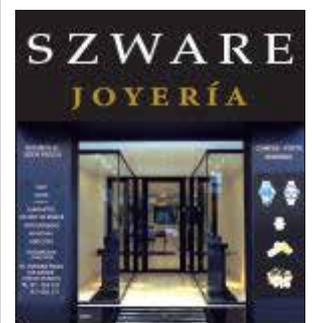
Two contained handguns and the third ammunition.

The company in charge of Correos security informed the Guardia Civil that scanners had detected the weapons and ammunition.

The sender (or senders) had intended to send the packages without following the regulatory channels for the despatch of arms and ammunition between individuals. The Guardia have started proceedings for infringements of citizen security protection legislation.

The Guardia Civil's arms intervention unit, which has exclusive responsibility for weapons and explosives, has issued a reminder that if anyone has a question about the sending of arms, they should direct

this question to the unit. The sending of arms can only be through authorised courier companies and must meet requirements set out in arms regulations.



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