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allowing street bazaars, among other things, it is time that it also considers the entertainment sector, which has been closed for two years.

allowing food-and-beverage outlets to extend their operating hours.

"When we ask, they say that they are still waiting for an official

all entertainment activities in nightclubs and bars was open to interpretation.

"So as the outlets allowed to open if they have no music [illegible]

said the government should not discriminate against sectors and should allow all sectors to open as long as the SOP was adhered to.

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# Logging licence revoked for public safety

LOGGING licence for a site in Bukit Makro, Maran in Pahang, has been revoked following post-flood analysis and taking into account public interest, says the Pahang Forestry Department.

Its director Datuk Dr Mohd Hizamri Mohd Yasin, in a statement, said the state government had revoked the Jan 17 approval.

Meanwhile, the state Forestry Department has ordered a stop to all pre-logging activities in the area.

All machinery have also been removed from the area, he said.

Mohd Hizamri noted that 40.47ha of government land was previously allocated for licensed logging.

The site in Bukit Makro, he said, was not within the forest reserve area and all assessments, especially those related to environmental impact, have been approved by the departments involved.

He added that the licensee had not started logging work in the area and only the preliminary work of clearing the road and construction of the timber yard on government land had begun.

"Nevertheless, the department has ordered that it be stopped during the monsoon season and in light of the recent floods in Pahang."

Environmental activist Khaidir Ahmad recently highlighted what could happen should logging proceed in Bukit Makro.

He had said that the most affected would be some 1,000 residents at the Taman Sri Keramat housing estate.

Khaidir Ahmad warned that landslides, water surges and mud floods were among the risks residents faced if logging activities were to continue in the forest.