


Help Crib Sheet 5 Setting Limits

In FSTA Direct it is possible to set **Limits** on searches, i.e. to restrict the search to defined sections of the database. Common uses are to limit a search to or by

- a range of publication years, e.g. *all articles published since 2001*
- a range of dates in which the database was updated, e.g. *all articles added since 1 February 2008*
- document type, e.g. *only records of patents*
- language of article or summary, e.g. *articles in French with English summaries*
- FSTA section, e.g. *records from the FSTA section on Fruits, vegetables and nuts*

1. Navigate to the Search Limits facility by clicking on the link in FSTA search status panel.

2. There are six fields that can be used to limit searches

- Select a value from the drop down menu for the field you wish to limit searches by
- For database update dates click on the calendar icon  or enter directly in the format *dd/mm/yyyy*
- Click on **Apply** to set these values for the current session; click on **Remember** to set them for future sessions as well
- Examples overleaf

FSTA search status

Welcome:	IFIS Log out
Last updated:	09 Jun 2008
Records:	796,385
All data	View: Full
All document types	Items on page: 10
All languages	Highlighting: On
All sections	Landing: Easy
Set Limits	Set Preferences

<p>Publication year</p> <p>From <input type="text" value="earliest"/></p> <p>To <input type="text" value="latest"/></p>	<p>Document Type</p> <p><input type="text" value="All"/></p>
<p>Database update</p> <p>From <input type="text" value=""/></p> <p>To <input type="text" value=""/></p>	<p>FSTA section</p> <p><input type="text" value="All"/></p> <p>Please see specific advice about the usage of FSTA Sections.</p>
<p>Language - Article</p> <p><input type="text" value="All"/></p>	<p>Language - Summary</p> <p><input type="text" value="All"/></p>

Examples

A

To limit searches to records from publication years (PY) 2001 to 2005

Publication year

From 2001

To 2005

- Use the drop-down menus to set the earliest and latest PYs
- Click on **Apply** - this session only
Remember - future sessions as well

B

To limit searches to records of the *patent* document type (DT)

Document Type

Patent

- Use the drop-down menu to select the desired DT
- Click on **Apply** - this session only
Remember - future sessions as well


C

To limit searches to records added to FSTA between specified dates (DA)

Database update

From 01/01/2001

To 31/12/2005

- Click on the calendar icon  or enter directly in the format *dd/mm/yyyy*
- Click on **Apply** - this session only
Remember - future sessions as well

D

To limit searches to records by major FSTA Section (SC), e.g. *Fruits, vegetables and nuts*

FSTA section

J - Fruits, vegetables and nuts

Please see specific [advice](#) about the usage of FSTA Sections.

- Use the drop-down menu to select the desired SC; see *Help link for more advice*
- Click on **Apply** - this session only
Remember - future sessions as well

E

To limit searches to records of articles published in a specified language (LA), e.g. *French*

Language - Article

French

- Use the drop-down menu to select the desired LA
- Click on **Apply** - this session only
Remember - future sessions as well

F

To limit searches to records of articles published with a summary in a specified language (LS)

Language - Summary

English

- Use the drop-down menu to select the desired LS, e.g. *English*
- Click on **Apply** - this session only
Remember - future sessions as well