

Standard Gibbs energy change: The standard Gibbs energy change is defined as the Gibbs energy change for a process in which the reactants in their standard states are converted to the products in their standard state.

$$\Delta G = \sum \Delta_f G^\circ (\text{product}) - \sum \Delta_f G^\circ (\text{reactants})$$

$$= \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Sum of the standard} \\ \text{Gibbs energy of} \\ \text{formation of products} \end{array} \right] - \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Sum of the standard} \\ \text{Gibbs energy of the} \\ \text{formation of reactants} \end{array} \right]$$

Calculate the standard Gibbs free energy change from the free energies of formation of data for the following reaction $C_6H_6(l) + \frac{15}{2} O_2(g) \rightarrow 6CO_2(g) + 3H_2O(g)$

Given that $\Delta_f G^\circ [C_6H_6(l)] = 172.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

$$\Delta_f G^\circ [CO_2(g)] = -394.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_f G^\circ [O_2(g)] = 0$$

$$\Delta_f G^\circ [H_2O(g)] = -228.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Ans: $\Delta G^\circ = \sum \Delta_f G^\circ (\text{Product}) - \sum \Delta_f G^\circ (\text{Reactant})$

$$\Delta G^\circ = [6 \Delta_f G^\circ [CO_2(g)] + 3 \Delta_f G^\circ [H_2O(g)] - \Delta_f G^\circ [C_6H_6(l)] + \frac{15}{2} \Delta_f G^\circ [O_2(g)]]$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = 6 \times (-394.4) + 3 \times (-228.6) - \{172.8 + 0\}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta G^\circ = -3225 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}$$